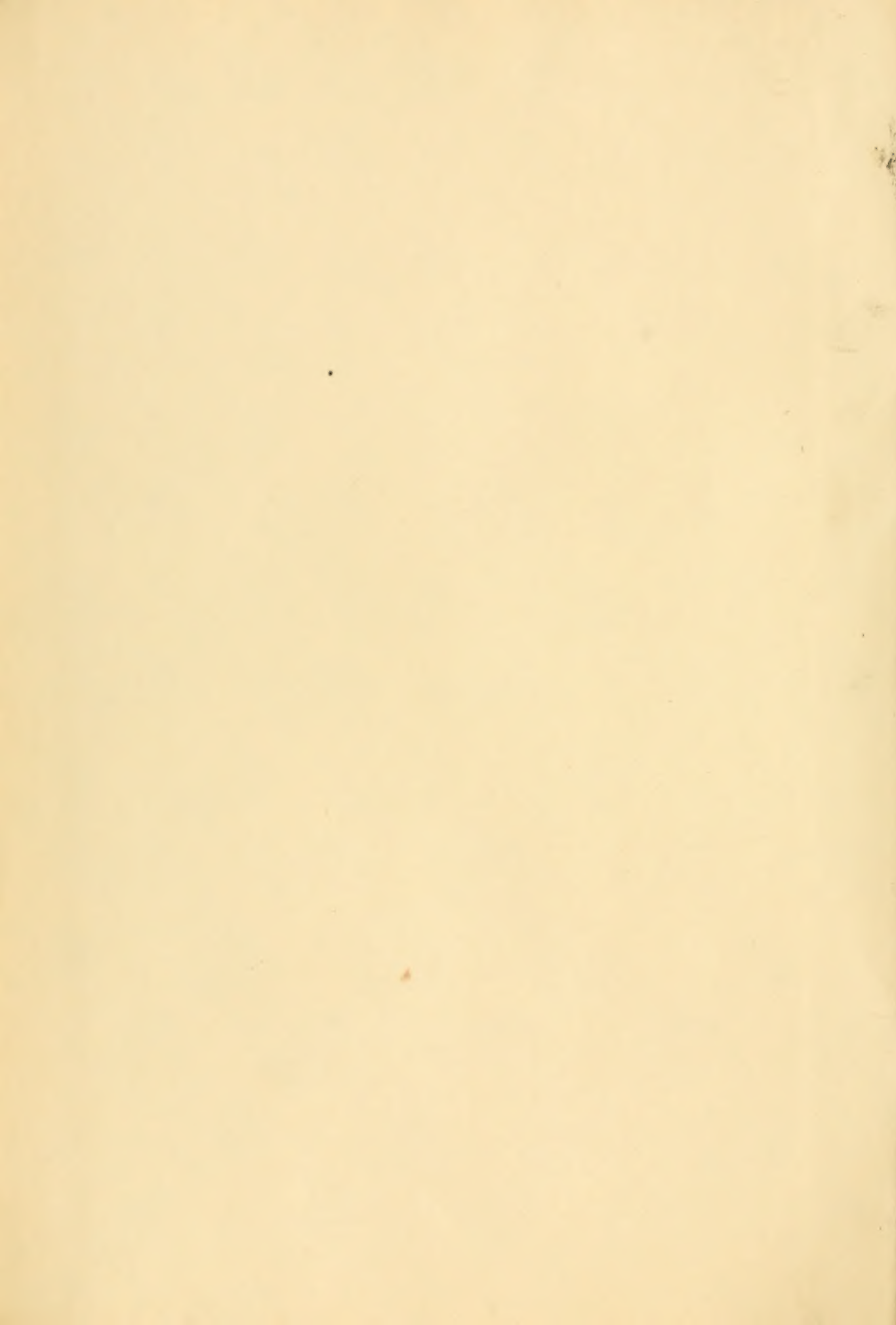








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PREFACE

THE present age is happily awake to the duty of writing its own records, setting down what is best worth remembering in the lives of the busy toilers of to-day, noting, not in vainglory, but with an honest pride and sense of fitness, things worthy of emulation, that thus the good men do may live after them. The accounts here rendered are not of buried talents, but of used ability and opportunity. The conquests recited are of mind over matter, of cheerful labor directed by thought, of honest, earnest endeavor which subdues the earth in the divinely appointed way. "The great lesson of biography," it is said, "is to show what man can be and do at his best." A noble life put fairly on record acts like an inspiration, and no more interesting or instructive matter could be presented to an intelligent public.

In this volume will be found a record of many whose lives are worthy the imitation of coming generations. It tells how some, commencing life in poverty, by industry and economy have accumulated wealth. It tells how others, with limited advantages for securing an education, have become learned men and women, with an influence extending throughout the length and breadth of the land. It tells of men who have risen from the lower walks of life to eminence as statesmen, and whose names have become famous. It tells of those in every walk of life who have striven to succeed, and records how that success has usually crowned their efforts. It tells also of those who, not seeking the applause of the world, have pursued the "even tenor of their way," content to have it said of them, as Christ said of a woman performing a deed of mercy, "They have done what they could." It tells how many, in the pride and strength of young manhood, left all, and at their country's call went forth valiantly "to do or die," and how through their efforts the Union was restored and peace once more reigned in the land.

Coming generations will appreciate this volume, and preserve it as a sacred treasure, from the fact that it contains so much that would never find its way into public record, and which would otherwise be inaccessible. Great care has been taken in the compilation of the work, and every opportunity possible given to those represented to insure correctness in what has been written; and the publishers flatter themselves that they give to their readers a work with few errors of consequence.

Yours respectfully,

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"A people that take no pride in the noble achievements of remote ancestors will never achieve anything worthy to be remembered with pride by remote generations." — MACAULAY.



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PHILIP M. CRAPO.

PHILIP M. CRAPO, numbered among the honored dead of Burlington, was a man whose life work was of the greatest benefit to his fellow-men. With a humanitarian spirit and a breadth of view that enabled him to realize the needs of the city, the conditions that would work for its improvement, and the possibilities for achievement, he put forth strenuous and effective efforts, the far-reaching effects of which will be felt for years to come. He was born June 30, 1844, and died Sept. 20, 1903, his loss proving a universal sorrow in Burlington, and largely throughout the State and nation wherever he was known.

Philip Madison Crapo was a native of Massachusetts, born June 30, 1844, in Free-town. The Crapo family is of French lineage, but he also traces his ancestry back to the Pilgrim Fathers, and was very proud of this American line. His paternal grandfather, Benjamin Crapo, was born in Massachusetts, and was a descendant of Pierre Crapo, who was rescued from a French war vessel that was wrecked prior to 1700 near the Massachusetts coast, near Plymouth Colony. Pierre Crapo married Penelope White, a granddaughter of Peregrine White,

the first white child born in Plymouth Colony.

Philip Crapo, Sr., father of him whose name introduces this review, was born in Massachusetts, and became a sea captain. He wedded Hannah Crapo, also a native of the Bay State, and a daughter of Richard Crapo, who was a farmer there. The fathers of both Richard and Benjamin Crapo were soldiers of the Revolutionary War. Of the six children born unto Philip and Hannah Crapo only one is now living, Mrs. William A. Ashley, of Long Plain, Massachusetts.

Philip M. Crapo was reared in New Bedford, Mass., where he acquired a good education at the common and high schools. He was but eighteen years of age when, in response to his country's call for aid to crush out the rebellion in the South, he enlisted as a defender of the Union, becoming a member of Company E, Third Massachusetts Infantry. He did valiant service for his country in the Civil War, returning to his home with a most creditable military record. Seeking first a favorable location for an active business career and one which would give full scope to his industry and ambition — dominant qualities — he removed to the West, settling in Flint, Mich.,

where he engaged in business as a civil engineer. After assisting in constructing a portion of the Flint & Pere Marquette Railroad he was employed in the adjutant-general's office to assist in compiling a military record of the State, and was also in the office of his uncle, Governor Crapo, while he was filling the office of governor.

In 1868 he came to Burlington as the special or general agent for the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company, having charge of one of the southern districts of the State. His territory was subsequently increased so that it comprised the entire States of Iowa and Nebraska, and he remained in charge of the company's vast interests in these States up to the time of his death. In 1882 the Connecticut Mutual Insurance Company made him its financial correspondent for Iowa and Nebraska. He then resigned as general agent and devoted himself entirely to the management of the company's investments. In acknowledgment of his efficiency in this direction, Mrs. Crapo was made the recipient of a testimonial from the company, done on parchment in German text and rolled in a morocco leather satin-lined case. This is one of the mementos of the life work of her husband that she cherishes dearly. In part it says, "And of the thousands of farms on which his loans were made, the company did not own a single farm, and never lost a dollar . . . and foreclosures were very rare."

In addition to his extensive business interests in connection with the insurance company, Mr. Crapo was actively concerned in local affairs, at one time being local editor of the *Hawk-Eye*, and afterward a frequent contributor to its columns. Every movement which had a bearing upon the material, intellectual, social, and moral wel-

fare of Burlington was of deep interest to him, and every progressive measure received his indorsement and found in him an active champion. He was a strong advocate of a wagon bridge in connection with the railroad bridge not then completed across the Mississippi River at Burlington. By a vigorous effort he at one time expected to bring the Iowa Central Railroad into Burlington, hoping that its line might cross the river here instead of at Keithsburg, and only the refusal of the directors to lease or sell the Burlington & Northwestern Railroad prevented the consummation of the plan.

In 1887 Mr. Crapo organized the Burlington & Illinois Bridge Company and secured a charter from Congress authorizing them to bridge the Mississippi River. After much labor and a large expenditure of money Mr. Crapo prepared the way for the erection of a combined railroad and wagon bridge, which would have given independent railroad facilities to Burlington, and also established a more satisfactory communication with the farming districts of Illinois; but when the work was completed, and the tax-payers of Burlington expressed themselves as willing to vote a large tax to aid the project, a majority of the members of the Bridge Company declined to assume the responsibility for the construction of the bridge, and the work has not yet been done.

Not only was Mr. Crapo the president of the Burlington & Illinois Bridge Company, but he was also prominent in connection with many business positions of marked importance. He was the president of the Burlington board of trade, the president of the Burlington & Henderson County Ferry Company, the president of the Burlington Commercial Club, a trustee of the city for the ferry franchise, trustee of the public

library, and a trustee of the Congregational church. He took special pride in the fact that he started the movement for the paving of the principal streets of the city with brick, addressing the city council by strong resolutions prepared and introduced by him at a session of the Commercial Club, the board of trade, and public meetings of the citizens called together by him for that purpose. He was conspicuous for his advocacy of the improvement of the Mississippi River, and his efforts in behalf of improved waterways were acknowledged by his appointment upon a committee to prepare memorials to Congress by not less than five of the great conventions called to consider the question of the improvement of the waterways.

These varied interests show the extent and scope of his activity, and indicate his value as a citizen, for his labors were of a most practical character. Many improvements looking to the betterment of Burlington found him a champion. He was truly public-spirited, and was never so happy as when busily engaged upon some public enterprise. His own time, his own labor, his own money, were given lavishly where the public interest was involved. He never entered into any movement in a half-hearted manner, but gave his full effort to carrying forward to successful completion whatever he undertook.

In politics, as well as in all civic movements, he occupied a prominent position, and few men were more familiar with the political issues and events, and few enjoyed a wider acquaintance among men of prominence throughout the entire country. He was always a Republican, and served his party as chairman of the county and congressional committees, as well as in other capacities. He was nominated for the posi-

tion of State senator and in 1887 was prominently mentioned for the office of governor.

It was, however, more largely as a private citizen of great public spirit and marked business capacity that he was best known to his fellow-townsmen. He worked indefatigably as a member of the Commercial Exchange, and as its president took an active part as a member of the Ferry Company, and did effective service on numberless committees. He was a friend of the old soldier, realizing fully the debt of gratitude which the country owes the boys in blue; and they, in turn, owe to Mr. Crapo a debt of gratitude for what he did in their behalf. He did more, perhaps, than any other man in Iowa for the magnificent Soldiers' Home at Marshalltown. His loyalty to Burlington and his faith in its citizens was demonstrated a number of years ago when the question of the location of the National Soldiers' Home was being discussed. A meeting was held in Burlington to consider ways and means of procuring the location of the home in this city. The matter was taken up with enthusiasm by the citizens, Mr. Crapo being one of the leaders in the movement. The tract of land south of Burlington known as Picnic Point was selected as the site of the home, and part of the money was subscribed for it. The national board that had the location of the home in charge visited Burlington, and an effort was made to induce the board to consider Burlington as the site. The board, however, announced that it would reserve its decision in the matter until its meeting in Leavenworth. Mr. Crapo was then appointed as a committee of one to go to Leavenworth and push Burlington's claim. At the meeting there, the board announced that no offer of location

could be considered unless such an offer was accompanied by a guarantee bond of one hundred thousand dollars. There was not sufficient time for Mr. Crapo to communicate with the citizens of Burlington, but without hesitation he himself signed the bond. Although his efforts proved fruitless, it was through no lack of energy on his own part or that of his fellow-citizens. Afterward Mr. Crapo was questioned as to what he would have done if the citizens of Burlington had failed to support him in his guarantee of the bond. He smiled and said that he had not thought of it, and that he had too much faith in the enterprise and the public spirit of the citizens to think such a thing could be possible. He said, however, he would have personally carried out the contract, and every one acquainted with Mr. Crapo knows that he would have done so. Having failed in his efforts to secure the national home, Mr. Crapo turned his attention to the organization of the Iowa Soldiers' Home, and made a strenuous effort to have its location at Burlington, but again without success, the building going to Marshalltown. In the work of building and furnishing that institution Mr. Crapo was untiring, and has always been known as the "father of the home."

He has builded for himself in Burlington two monuments more enduring than bronze or granite—the public library and Crapo Park. He found in the library an ill-assorted collection of books that were looked after in a dilatory manner, the collection containing little that was of real value, while a small tax was exacted from the citizens who wished to make use of the collection. Mr. Crapo's interest being aroused in behalf of the public library, he undertook the work of pushing the enter-

prise with characteristic energy. It required some money to clear the collection of debt, and he furnished the needed sum. A new law had been passed which enabled cities to establish free public libraries. Mr. Crapo led in the agitation, and from the beginning was a firm friend of the library. His donations to the fine structure and to its splendid contents represent a handsome fortune. He never wearied of enriching the institution, of which he was justly proud, and he gave of his time and of his labor as freely as of his wealth; and to his eternal vigilance, no less than to his magnificent generosity, is due the fact that Burlington to-day possesses one really fine public structure in its library, which will compare favorably with those which are a source of pride to much larger cities.

Again, his work in behalf of what is known as Crapo Park of Burlington was equally commendable. Conceiving the idea that Burlington should have a public park, he recognized no obstacles, and overcame all difficulties by determined purpose, giving freely of his means as well as of his time and energies. As the result, Burlington has a park of about one hundred acres which, in the course of time, after the original plans are carried out, will be one of the finest in the State, if not in the entire West.

Mr. Crapo was married in Burlington, Sept. 6, 1870, to Miss Ruth A. Ray, and this union was blessed with seven children: Edith R., now the wife of Martin T. Baldwin; Philip Ashley, Chester F., Ruth K., Clifford M., Lucy H., and William M. With the exception of Philip, all survived the father. This son, like his ancestors, showed his patriotic spirit, and in the country's hour of need, in 1898, he re-

sponded to the call for troops for service in the Spanish-American War, and died of typhoid fever at Jacksonville Fla., in September, 1898. His remains were interred in Aspen Grove cemetery. His sketch appears elsewhere in this work.

Mr. Crapo was always deeply interested in military affairs, and when the National Guard of Iowa held its encampment at Burlington, in 1888, the camp was called Camp Crapo in his honor, and his name has been adopted by the local organization of the Sons of Veterans in Burlington.

Mr. Crapo was most generous in his charity, yet thoroughly unostentatious, and the general public knew little of his many benefactions. He extended a helping hand to many, and desired nothing in return save that no one should know aught of the gift. When he passed away, the newspapers all over the country recorded his death. His portrait has adorned many magazines and books. Friendship Lodge, No. 11, Knights of Pythias, of which he was a member, published resolutions of respect, as did the Business Men's Club, while C. L. Matthies Post, No. 5, G. A. R., and Company H, of the Fifty-fourth I. N. G., acted as escort at his funeral. The Woman's Relief Corps also attended the funeral in a body, and H. G. Marquardt, mayor, issued a proclamation closing all business houses during the obsequies. Resolutions of respect were also adopted and published by the library board, by the Shakespearean Club, and by the old soldiers in the home at Marshalltown. The publishing house of A. C. McClurg & Company, of Chicago, sent a letter to the librarian expressing sorrow for the death of Mr. Crapo, and a memorial was sent from the Connecticut Mutual Life Association. No one with whom he came in contact

failed to respect him. Men differed from him in opinions, and he was ever fearless in spreading his own views, yet all esteemed him for his fidelity to his honest convictions. He had the good will and confidence of men throughout the country,—men high in authority and men in the lowly walks of life; and in Burlington, where he was best known, he was well termed one of its best-loved citizens.

JOSEPH W. BLYTHE.

JOSEPH WILLIAM BLYTHE, general counsel for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, at Burlington, Iowa, comes of a family noted for strong intellectuality. Among his ancestors were those noted in educational circles and others along professional lines. Of Scotch lineage, the first representatives of the name in America located in North Carolina. Rev. James E. Blythe, LL. D., D. D., grandfather of Joseph W. Blythe, was a distinguished educator, for some years connected with Transylvania University, at Lexington, Ky., and afterward president of Hanover College, of Indiana. He was also at one time moderator of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church, but his later years were devoted more exclusively to educational labors in the colleges.

His son, Rev. Joseph William Blythe, was born in Lexington, Ky., pursued his literary education in Transylvania University, and then matriculated in Princeton Theological Seminary. Following his ordination as a clergyman of the Presbyterian church, he devoted the first years of his ministry to the home missionary department of the church, and later accepted a

pastorate in Michigan. On leaving that State he went to Pittsburg, Pa., and subsequently to Cranberry, N. J.; after which he removed to Hanover, Ind., to become financial officer of Hanover College, this occurring about 1856. He represented the financial interests of the college until 1862, when he entered the army as chaplain, remaining in the hospital at Madison, Ind., until the close of the war. Afterward he was pastor of the Presbyterian church at Charleston, Ind., where he continued until his death, which occurred in 1876. His wife, Eleanor Henrietta (Green) Blythe, the mother of the subject of this sketch, was born in Lawrenceville, N. J., and was a daughter of Caleb Smith and Eleanor (Van Cleve) Green.

Joseph William Blythe, in early boyhood, was a student in the Lawrenceville school, and was afterward a student in Princeton College and in Hanover College. Preparing for the bar, he was for three years a student in the office and under the direction of Thomas S. Aitken, of Trenton, N. J. He taught in the Lawrenceville school for three years. The degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts were conferred upon him by Princeton College, and that of Doctor of Law by Bethany College, of Kansas, and Hanover College, of Indiana.

Coming to Iowa in 1874, Mr. Blythe located in Burlington, was admitted to the bar, and entered upon practice. Soon afterward he formed a partnership with the Hon. Thomas Hedge, now a member of Congress, under the firm name of Hedge & Blythe. In 1876 he went into the service of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, as attorney for their Iowa lines. Afterward he was appointed general solicitor, and in 1901 general counsel.

On the 15th of October, 1877, Mr. Blythe was married to Miss Margaret E. Gear, a daughter of John H. and Harriet Graham (Foote) Gear. They have one son, Hugh Blythe, born Aug. 22, 1878, a graduate of Harvard University and Harvard Law School.

WILLIAM CARSON.

GIVEN to the prosecution of active measures in business life, and possessing the earnest purpose of reaching an exalted standard of accomplishment, William Carson has become one of the foremost men of Burlington, a recognized leader in banking circles, and at the same time a representative of that class of American citizens who in the promotion of varied enterprises add not alone to their individual prosperity, but also advance the general welfare and prosperity of the cities in which they make their homes.

William Carson was born in Eau Galle, Wis., Nov. 9, 1859, a son of William and Mary (Smith) Carson. His paternal grandfather, William Carson, was born near Glasgow, Scotland, and following his marriage to a Miss Robertson he crossed the Atlantic, establishing his home in Inverness, Canada. His remaining days were spent there and at Quebec.

William Carson was born at Inverness, Canada, in 1819, and completed his education in the schools of Quebec, but early put aside his text-books in order to become a factor in business life. In his youth he crossed the border into the United States, and made his way southward to St. Louis, Mo. Later he retraced his steps until he had reached the timber districts of Wis-

consin, becoming one of the pioneers in the lumber business of that State. He was interested in mills at various places, including Eau Galle, Eau Claire, and Chipewewa Falls, and was associated for some time in the lumber industry at Burlington with the late E. D. Rand. They were among the first to engage in the lumber trade and to promote lumber manufacturing interests in this city. Mr. Carson continued with Mr. Rand until the latter's death, and afterward conducted the business alone until his own demise in Eau Claire, Wis. He was at that time seventy-nine years of age. He died full of years and honors, his life crowned by successful accomplishment, the resultant factors in his career being keen business discernment, the utilization of opportunity, and inflexible integrity in all business transactions. In connection with the lumber industry he became identified with the banking business at Eau Claire. His political views were in harmony with the principles of Democracy. He became known as a philanthropist in Wisconsin, because of his generous donations to various benevolent movements as well as to individuals. He stood in his old age, when crowned with wealth and honors, where he did in his youth, the champion of individual rights and an admirer of strong and stalwart character. He was ever ready to assist those less fortunate than himself in the business world, and his name is therefore held in reverence by many who knew him in the years of his activity. He wedded Miss Mary Smith at Prairie du Chien, and they became the parents of five daughters and one son, all of whom are yet living. The mother passed away in Eau Claire, Wis., nine years prior to her husband's death.

William Carson acquired his preliminary education in Eau Galle, and after studying for a time in Burlington, and later in St. Paul, Minn., completed a high-school course by graduation. He then entered Cornell University at Ithaca, N. Y., where he remained as a student for three years. Following the completion of his college course he entered upon his business career in connection with the lumber trade at Burlington as an employee of the firm in which his father was a partner. Demonstrating his business ability and enterprise, he was made secretary of the company, and afterward vice-president, which position he yet fills. The company has been incorporated, and as the years have passed by, the scope of its activity has been increased until now the annual output reaches twenty-five million feet of lumber, while the plant covers an area of fifteen acres. Mr. Carson is also a director of the Rand Lumber Company, one of the extensive enterprises of this character on the river. He is likewise vice-president of the Rice Lake Company at Rice Lake, Wis.; vice-president of the Barber Lumber Company, of Boise, Idaho; vice-president of the Cascade Lumber Company, of North Yakima, Wash.; and also a director in other lumber companies.

His prominence as a representative of the lumber trade, and his business ability as demonstrated in his successful control of important industries of this character, led to his selection for the presidency of the First National Bank of Burlington. This bank was organized forty-one years ago. It is capitalized for one hundred thousand dollars, there is a surplus of seventy-six thousand dollars, and deposits amounting to from eight hundred and fifty thousand to one million dollars.

Mr. Carson was married, March 4, 1885, to Miss Louise Cook, a daughter of Lyman Cook, of Burlington, and they have two children, Dorothy and Louise. They attend and support the Congregational church, of which Mrs. Carson is a member. Politically Mr. Carson is a Democrat. His ambition, however, has never been along political lines, for his constantly expanding business interests have claimed all his time and attention. He has steadily advanced in those walks of life demanding intellectuality, business ability, and fidelity. He stands to-day as a prominent representative of the lumber trade of the country, and although he entered upon a business already established, in enlarging and developing this he has shown marked capacity for management and ready discernment in mastering the problems of an intricate business situation.

HON. WILLIAM HARPER.

HON. WILLIAM HARPER, full of years and honors, having passed the eighty-fifth milestone on life's journey, has lived and labored to goodly ends, his life work becoming an integral chapter in the history of Des Moines county and the State of Iowa. He has contributed to its pioneer growth, its business development, to its political and educational progress. The contemporary and friend of many of the most distinguished men of the State, he has been accorded a place in their ranks by reason of his ability to handle questions of great importance affecting the weal or woe of the commonwealth, and by reason of a character that, viewed in the light of the past eighty-five years,

seems without a blemish. No historian would claim to write of a faultless man, and yet the mistakes that Mr. Harper may have made have been those of judgment rather than intention; for a kindly spirit, a sense of justice, unfaltering integrity, and an indomitable adherence to upright principles have ever been salient features in his career, and in all Des Moines county there is no man held in greater love and respect than this venerable citizen of Mediapolis.

His life history began Nov. 3, 1810, in Ross county, Ohio. His ancestral history through many generations, both lineal and collateral, has been distinctively American, although farther back the line can be traced to Germany. His paternal great-grandfather, Adam Harper, a resident of Pendleton county, West Virginia, settled on the headwaters of the south branch of the Potomac River, and became a land owner in 1765. This place is twelve miles north of the town of Monterey, the county-seat of Highland county, old Virginia. He was among the first settlers of this point, west of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Virginia, and went through the hardships and dangers incident to pioneer life in that country at that time; for in 1767 those settlers were exposed to the attacks of the Indians, who waged a murderous warfare all along the line of that settlement.

His farm was located across the south branch of the Potomac valley, in a most beautiful, picturesque country, and in 1900 the old original log cabin in which he dwelt as a pioneer was still standing. There were abundant portholes in it, through which he could fire his flint-lock rifle in defense of his home against the



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incursions of the Indians. A large orchard was on the place, located just northwest of the house, which stood on a bench overlooking the lower bottom; and in one corner of this orchard the old people (Adam Harper and wife) were buried. There was a cold spring on the place, and a log milk-house was built near it, which also was still standing in the year of 1900.

Adam Harper, Jr., married a Miss Flescher, whose parents came from Germany about 1735, and established their home in the Old Dominion, then a part of the colonial possessions of Great Britain. Adam Harper, Sr., came to America soon after the arrival of the Flescher family, and also established his home in Virginia. On Jan. 2, 1821, the last will and testament of Adam Harper, deceased, was presented in court, proved by oath of Jonas Harmon and Solomon Harper, two of the witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded. Henry Flescher became a major in the War of the Revolution, when the colonies entered upon the struggle that brought independence to the nation. He was a brother to the wife of Adam Harper, Jr.

Adam Harper, Jr., grandfather of William Harper, was born in Pendleton county, Virginia, and became a farmer by occupation. He removed from the Old Dominion to Ohio in 1805, settling in Ross county. Joab Harper, son of Adam Harper, Jr., was a native of Pendleton county, Virginia, now West Virginia. In 1805 he was brought by his parents to Ross county, Ohio, where for many years they carried on agricultural pursuits. Having arrived at years of maturity, he was married to Lydia Jones, a native of Augusta county, Virginia.

In 1849 Joab Harper came with his family to Iowa. He lived a quiet life, and possessed a conservative nature; yet no man was more staunch in support of the principles in which he believed. He was a devoted and loyal member of the Presbyterian church, having united with that body after middle age, adhering to that faith until his death, which occurred Sept. 17, 1882, when he was eighty-seven years of age. He had for several years survived his wife, who passed away at the age of seventy-four years. They reared a family of six children, of whom we have the following record: William, of Mediapolis; John, also residing in Mediapolis; Robert J., of Manhattan, Kans., who was formerly judge of the probate court of Riley county; Joab, Jr., who was engaged in the furniture business in Great Bend, Kans., and later moved to Hutchinson, Kans., where he died in June, 1901; Anna, the deceased wife of Edward Heizer, of Mediapolis; and Adam, who died at the age of seventeen years. The mother, Mrs. Lydia Jones Harper, died Aug. 26, 1867, at the age of seventy-five years, and, as before stated, the father passed away Sept. 17, 1882, at the home of his son, Joab, with whom he had spent the evening of life.

The first year that Robert J. Harper, son of Joab Harper, was located in Des Moines county, he taught school in the old Jefferson Academy; he later taught for two years at Marion, Iowa, and still later, for one term in a cabin east of Northfield. The last year that he taught in Marion he had over a hundred pupils and an assistant teacher.

On Aug. 27, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company G, Eleventh Kansas

Volunteer Infantry, and on organization of the regiment, he was appointed regimental quartermaster sergeant, which rank he held until Sept. 4, 1863. This appointment was made by Col. Thomas Ewing, who was a son of Thomas Ewing, of Ohio, and the first chief justice Kansas ever had.

In 1863 Mr. Harper was commissioned first lieutenant and regimental commissary of subsistence for his regiment by the governor of Kansas. Immediately after he was mustered into service he was detailed to relieve Capt. R. Graham, acting quartermaster at Independence, Mo., where he remained until the spring of 1864. He was then detailed by General McKean as commissary of subsistence on his staff, and post commissary at Paola, Kans. He was also on the staff of General McKean's successors, General Sykes and General Blunt, and remained at Paola until 1864.

In the latter year his regiment was ordered to Fort Laramie, and west of here he acted as regimental quartermaster and regimental commissary of subsistence. He also acted as adjutant of the regiment, but at his request was relieved of the duties of adjutant. He served as regimental quartermaster and regimental commissary from the time he left Fort Riley until he was mustered out of service, Aug. 19, 1865.

Thomas Ewing, the first colonel of the regiment, was promoted to be a brigadier-general, and was succeeded by Col. Thomas Moonlight. The regiment was in command of Lieut.-Col. P. B. Plumb the most of the time, he afterward becoming United States Senator from the State of Kansas.

Mr. Harper's military service, being in the business part of the army, was very pleasant. He had the confidence and respect of his superior officers, as well as the confidence and respect of the non-commissioned officers to whom he issued supplies. His civic life since he came out of the army has been mainly official, he having served as probate judge for eight years, and as clerk of the district court for twenty-two years. He has also been police judge and justice of the peace of Manhattan City, and, in fact, from 1859 until he laid down the duties, burdens, and responsibilities of business life, four years ago, has acted in some responsible official position.

There was nothing in the boyhood days of William Harper to indicate the successes and honors to which he was to attain in later years. He had the advantage, however, of Christian training in his home, while lessons of industry and integrity were also instilled into his mind, and have borne rich fruit in later years. He knew what earnest toil meant in his early youth, and when not engaged in the duties of the schoolroom was busy with the work of the fields. His educational advantages were afforded by the schools of the home district, and when nineteen years of age he began teaching, from which time forward he has been an unfaltering champion and advocate of the system of public instruction. He followed the profession in the winter months, while in the summer seasons his labors were given to the farm, being thus engaged until his removal from Ohio to the West. At that date,—October, 1842,—Iowa seemed far distant, owing to the lack of transporta-

tion facilities; for the journey had to be made across the country or by water.

Visiting Des Moines county, Mr. Harper made his way to North Prairie, and was so pleased with the district comprised in Yellow Springs township that he determined to locate there permanently. The following winter he was employed to teach a school, which convened in a log church, and in February, 1843, he made his first purchase of land, becoming owner of ninety-five acres on Section 17, Yellow Springs township. A short time before a small cabin had been built thereon, while five acres of the land had been broken; and Mr. Harper continued the further work of cultivation and development, undertaking the task with resolute will, and recognizing fully the arduous work that was before him.

Returning to Ohio in 1843, Mr. Harper won a companion and helpmate for the journey of life, being married Aug. 7, 1844, to Miss Harriet Heizer, who was born Oct. 8, 1819, in Ross county, Ohio, a daughter of Samuel and Polly Heizer, who were natives of Virginia, and of German descent. The wedding journey of the young couple consisted of a trip across the prairies by team, to the home which he had prepared in Des Moines county. They reached their destination Oct. 3, 1844, took up their abode in the little cabin, and for four years lived in true pioneer style. But the untiring energy of Mr. Harper during that period was crowned with success, so that at the end of that time he was enabled to erect a large and substantial residence upon his farm. It continued to be the family home until 1877, when they removed to the village of Mediapolis.

In the early period of his residence in this county, however, Mr. Harper spent three years in the city of Burlington, acting a part of that time as teacher, and the latter portion as deputy clerk of the courts. He lived in the city from September, 1846, until 1849, and he and his brother taught the first large select school in Burlington, leasing the old territorial hall, it being in the basement of old Zion M. E. church, for the purpose. The undertaking proved a success, for in a short time the building was completely filled. Among the pupils were many who have since become famous. During that time Mr. Harper and his brother were members of the Congregational church of Burlington, of which Dr. Wm. Salter was pastor.

As an agriculturist Mr. Harper was ever foremost, quick to adopt new methods that promised practical results, and equally quick to use the improved machinery which invention placed upon the market. Moreover he realized that labor is the basis of all success, and worked untiringly and perseveringly to acquire a competence that would enable him to surround his family with the comforts that make life worth living. As he prospered he added to his original holdings, until he owned a valuable farm of two hundred and ten acres. In early days he followed the plow himself, turned the furrows, harrowed the fields, and planted and harvested his crops; but in later years prosperity released him from this arduous toil, and other interests have long since claimed his attention.

Following his removal to Mediapolis he was engaged in the real estate, loan, and insurance business, in which he continued

until 1891, when he was chosen president of the State Bank of Mediapolis. In the meantime, while living upon the farm, he received his first commission as notary public from Governor Hemstead, in 1850, and has since acted in that capacity. Following the close of the war his work in this connection grew to extensive proportions, demanding the greater part of his time. He soon became an expert in probate business also, and there is perhaps no man in Des Moines county who has been called upon to settle up more estates; for his trustworthiness in such connections was well known, his business honor and integrity standing as an unquestioned fact in his history.

After being chosen to the presidency of the State Bank of Mediapolis, he gradually disposed of all of his business interests save an occasional transaction in real estate, his attention being given to the bank, which under his careful guidance prospered, becoming one of the strong financial concerns of the county. He is now living retired, but it is safe to say that there are few men in this section of the State who have transacted more business, both for public and for private individuals, than has William Harper. Through many years he was the only man whose name appeared on the list of pioneers who remained in active connection with business pursuits.

Wielding a wide influence in public affairs, Mr. Harper has left the impress of his individuality for good upon public thought and action through many years. He has ever been fearless in defense of his honest convictions, and nothing could swerve him from a course which he believed to be right; yet he has never been

hasty in forming his conclusions, and has always held himself amenable to reason and to argument. In early life and until he reached middle age he was a staunch Democrat, and upon that party ticket was elected to represent his district in the third general assembly of Iowa, which convened at Iowa City, in 1850.

A board of commissioners had been appointed by the second assembly to codify the laws of the State. This committee comprised the following named: Charles Mason, Stephen Hemstead, and W. G. Woodward. This was known as "Mason's Code."

His course therein was one which reflected credit upon himself and proved highly satisfactory to his constituents, and he relates many interesting incidents in connection with the proceedings of that early session of the Legislature. He was chairman of the committee on enrolled bills, and on agriculture; was a member of the committee on schools, and chairman of the special committee to draft rules for the government of the House. He was also a member of the select committee to inquire into the expediency of the government of the United States making donations of land to actual settlers. He gave to each question which came up for settlement his earnest study and consideration, and was connected with much of the important constructive legislation of that early period.

Twenty years later he was again elected to the House, served as chairman of the committee on common schools, and was a member of the committees on State university and judicial districts. He was also chairman of the special committee to examine the report of Charles A. White

State geologist, with a view to publishing the same. While in the House he formed warm personal friendships with many of the distinguished men of Iowa, who recognized the worth of the man, and his superior capabilities.

Mr. Harper's position in the Legislature gave him excellent opportunity to further the interests of the public schools, which have always been dear to his heart, and he was instrumental in laying the foundation of the public-school system of Des Moines county. His experience as a teacher in earlier years gave him an insight into the needs of the school system, and this caused him to be placed in nomination for the office of county superintendent of public schools of Des Moines county, to which he was elected and re-elected, serving in all for six years. His work in behalf of public education alone would entitle him to rank with the distinguished men of the State. He was an early promoter of Jefferson Academy, afterward called Yellow Springs College, and was president of the board of trustees during the existence of that institution.

He informed himself thoroughly concerning the status of the schools, their possibilities and opportunities, and gave his knowledge to the public through the columns of the local press in a manner so concise and favorable that the reports made a deep impression upon the minds of Des Moines county's citizens. He made a strong and forcible plea for better schools and broader opportunities, for more efficient teachers and a higher standard of education, and he had the greatest appreciation for all who became his helpers in this work. While in the Legislature he put forth strong effort to

secure the passage of measures beneficial to the schools, and though some of these were lost, he yet sowed the seeds that have in time produced the harvest.

When elected to the House in 1870, Dr. Beardsley was elected to the Senate; and later, at the convention of the Pioneer Law-maker's Association, of Iowa, in its biennial session held in 1894, Dr. Beardsley spoke of the work in connection with the common schools in the following manner:

"In the important matter of public education some things were undertaken in both of those assemblies which could not be carried to success, and which still remain in abeyance. For example, in the thirteenth, William Harper, of Des Moines county, chairman of the committee on schools, introduced an elaborate bill, codifying the school laws and adapting them to the township district system, which could have been adopted then with much less difficulty than now. But the House killed the bill. The change is still advocated by our most intelligent and experienced educators. Thus the present superintendent of public instruction, in his report for 1888-89, speaking of the township system, says: 'This subject has been so ably discussed by each of my predecessors in office that it does not seem necessary to spend much time upon it in this report. If the people of the State could be made to understand how much time, and money, and strength, is wasted in carrying our present complex system into effect, and how much the efficiency of the school could be increased by the adoption of the civil township as the unit, they would demand that the Legislature take immediate steps toward accomplish-

ing that result." He follows this with facts, figures, and arguments to show its correctness. In the fourteenth, the chairman of the committee on schools in the Senate introduced and secured the passage of a bill, both at the regular and adjourned sessions, for compulsory education. In both instances it was defeated in the House, and it still remains to be adopted, though succeeding superintendents have advocated it, and showed its necessity by carefully gathered statistics."

Mr. Harper was instrumental in securing a change in the management of the State University, which passed from the charge of trustees to a board of regents; for through the influence of Mr. Harper and others the bill whereby this change was effected was introduced. As chairman of the committee on schools he also promoted other effective legislation, whereby the "graft" through the squandering of the school lands was done away with. Mr. Harper took an active interest in the passage of the railroad tax bill, and pending the passage of that bill (the Russell bill) offered an amendment retaining four-fifths of the railroad tax collected, in the counties through which the roads passed, and one-fifth to go to the State. After a long and very interesting discussion, his amendment passed; and on his motion the rules were suspended, and the bill passed by a vote of eighty-two for and eleven against.

During the momentous period of the Civil War, Mr. Harper, who up to that time had been a staunch Democrat, became a stalwart advocate of the Union cause. In the bitterness of feelings that then existed he made public refutation of an insinuation made by some of his party op-

ponents, that he was influencing Democratic voters against enlisting as volunteers in order to secure their support for Democratic nominees at the approaching election. In a letter which breathed the true spirit of patriotism, he said: "I have ever, so far as relates to party, endeavored to live the life of a consistent Democrat; but the time has arrived when every true patriot should be willing to forego all party differences, and rally to the support of the administration in its efforts to suppress a rebellion which has already assumed such proportions as to threaten the destruction of our government. In a few weeks we will be called upon to cast our votes for a candidate to fill the highest office in the gift of the State. The question should not be, Is he a Republican? Is he a Democrat? but, Is he a patriot? Does he love his country more than his party?" Such was the attitude of Mr. Harper, who gave stalwart support to the Union cause, and to the administration of President Lincoln.

When a call for three hundred thousand troops came it seemed as if there would have to be a draft in Des Moines county, and Capt. R. B. Rutledge, provost marshal for this district, began looking for a recruiting agent for Burlington. Some one suggested Mr. Harper to him, and Mr. Harper's reply to the marshal was that if he would give him the whole county, so that he could devote his entire time to the work, he would accept. This was granted, and Burlington was made one district. His plan was to divide this district into wards, so that he could get local bounty from every township and ward. On the closing day as much as two hundred and fifty dollars was paid

recruits as bounty, and the draft was avoided.

While figuring prominently in connection with civil, religious, and educational affairs, and with extensive business concerns, thus leading a most busy life, Mr. Harper always found time for his family, for the promotion of the interests of the household, and the welfare and happiness of his wife and daughter. Most congenial in their tastes, married life to Mr. and Mrs. Harper was an ideal one, and they traveled life's journey together through many decades.

Fifty years passed, and the young couple, who, standing before the Rev. William Gage, were pronounced man and wife, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary; on which occasion a large number of friends were present, including three who witnessed the original nuptials. On the anniversary day the commodious lawn around the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Harper was decorated with lanterns and supplied with seats. Mrs. Harper, because of her invalid condition, was unable to appear in the open air; so the friends assembled in the home, where, after the singing of the hymn, "Blest Be the Tie," and appropriate words from Rev. J. H. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Harper were presented with an elegant gold-lined silver tea-set and other gifts, among them a fine gold-headed cane, as mementos of the happy occasion. An original poem was also read, written by Mrs. Jessie Harper-Heizer, of Sioux City.

For a number of years Mrs. Harper was in ill health, but she bore her sufferings uncomplainingly, with true Christian fortitude. She had from early womanhood been a devoted and loyal member of

the Presbyterian church, and the able assistant and co-operator of her husband in all of his church work. Of natural culture and refinement, her life, permeated by her Christian belief, was full of kindly spirit, of generous deeds, of ready sympathy, and of marked devotion to principle. In her church, even after she had become unable to leave her home, her fellow-workers regarded her as still in their midst, and consulted her upon questions concerning the various church activities. She pondered deeply the questions concerning this life and its purpose, and its relation to the life to come, and her faith was sincere and unshaken at all times.

The resolutions of respect passed by the Presbyterian Missionary Society, of Mediapolis, included the following: "In this bereavement the common words of sympathy seem meaningless. To us she was the loved sister, the trusted friend, one with whom we took sweet counsel. Others may take up her work, but who can fill her place in our hearts. She has left us a legacy of loving and helpful deeds, an example of patient, sweet submission in suffering, and of joy in His will."

Mr. and Mrs. Harper were always closely associated in their church work. At the age of nineteen he became a member of the Presbyterian church, and placed his membership with the First Presbyterian church organized in his locality, called the old Round Prairie church, with which he was associated for several years. He later became a member of the Yellow Springs Presbyterian church, at the time when a large number of the two bodies united in the new organization, on account of the slavery

question. When the church at Mediapolis was organized he entered into relationship with it, in fact assisted in its organization, and became one of its first ruling elders, serving since that time. His wise counsel, Christian spirit, and calm judgment were helpful factors in the management of affairs relating to the membership and to the upbuilding of the congregation.

Twice he has been sent by the presbytery of Iowa as a delegate to the general assembly of the United States, the first time in 1856, at New York city; and twenty years later,—in 1876,—at Brooklyn, N. Y. He was chosen from among many who would have been pleased to attend, and who were well qualified to discharge the duties of a delegate; but his peculiar qualifications caused his selection, and he might well be proud of the honor that was conferred upon him. He took a pronounced stand in support of humanitarianism when the question of slavery was before the people, and has ever been deeply interested in all questions of reform, of improvement, and progress. His aid has always been counted upon to further these, and he has often done so at the sacrifice of his personal interests.

One of the most interesting features in the home life of Mr. and Mrs. Harper was their relation to their only daughter, Lurissa Jane, who was always known as Louie. She was born in Des Moines county, Nov. 18, 1845, and after attending school in Kossuth, Iowa, continued her studies in the State University. When about twelve years of age she became a member of the Presbyterian church, with which her parents were

affiliated, and retained her membership therein until after her marriage, when with her husband she joined the Methodist Episcopal church, in West Union, Iowa, where they made their home. Hers was spoken of as "one of the gentlest natures that ever lived in West Union," and again we find the secret of this beautiful life in the Christian spirit of Him who came not to be ministered unto, but to minister. She was always earnest, active, and helpful in church work; and she brought her Christianity into her home, into her every-day life, and into her social relations with friends and neighbors.

It was on Jan. 1, 1868, that she gave her hand in marriage to William E. Fuller, of West Union, Iowa, a man who has won national reputation in connection with public life. An attorney by profession, he twice represented the fourth congressional district of Iowa in Congress, and was also a member of the House in the State Legislature at one time. For a number of years has been United States assistant attorney-general in connection with the Spanish Claims Commission, at Washington. He is a man of superior ability and intellectual force, and has made for himself a reputation as one of the distinguished men of this State.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Fuller were born nine children, of whom two died in infancy, while four sons and three daughters survived to enjoy the companionship of a most devoted mother. The eldest, Levi, married Miss Elizabeth B. Brown, a daughter of Alexander C. Brown, for many years a merchant of Mediapolis, Iowa, but now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Levi Fuller became resi-

dents of Chicago, and their children now represent the fourth generation of the Harper family. Harriet is the wife of Carl W. Holbrook, who is secretary of the chamber of commerce in Chattanooga, Tenn. Stella is the wife of Rev. Marcus P. McClure, of Stevens' Point, Wis. Augusta is with her father, in Washington, D. C. William Wirt, a banker of Le Sueur Center, Minn., married Ethel Smith, a graduate of Upper Iowa University. Howard is a student in the Iowa Methodist Episcopal College, and Robert is a student in the military institute at Bordentown, N. J.

Mrs. Fuller was a most devoted wife and mother, and a faithful friend. Her influence was like the perfume of the violet, permeating the home atmosphere and the social life in which she moved with a force as sweet and penetrating as it was delicate and helpful. She passed away after an illness of several months, at her home in West Union, Nov. 2, 1901, and her funeral was one of the most largely attended in that city.

Mr. Fuller has continued his work in Washington as assistant attorney-general of the United States. He has been for many years prominent in public life, and was a member of Congress during the forty-ninth and fiftieth sessions. In March, 1901, he was appointed by President McKinley as assistant attorney-general, which position he still fills, his special duty being to defend the government before the Spanish Treaty Claims Commission, in the suits brought by American citizens for damages growing out of the Cuban insurrection. General Fuller was again married, Dec. 2, 1903, to Mrs. Clara H. Manning, of New York

City, a very distant relative, both being descendants of Edward Fuller, who came to America in 1620, in the "Mayflower." Mrs. Manning is very prominent in societies for historical research and preservation, and her name is also associated with various benevolent works.

One of the later events worthy of note in the life of Mr. Harper, was the celebration of his eightieth birthday anniversary, when he entertained a large number at dinner, and on which occasion he was presented with a fine easy chair. Such occasions are memorable in the history of the individual, and of all who attend. Five more years have passed since that time, and Mr. Harper is yet a factor in the life of Des Moines county. He is now living retired, and yet there is perhaps no man in the county whose advice and counsel are more frequently sought, or more freely and helpfully given. There is an old age which grows brighter and better, mentally and spiritually, as the years go by, giving out of its rich stores of wisdom and experience; and such has been the history of William Harper. There are none who have come in contact with him who have not entertained genuine respect for his honest opinions and loyalty to his beliefs; for his integrity in business, his public-spirited citizenship, and his devotion to all that promotes material, intellectual, and moral progress of the race. Although he has never sought to figure in public life, his native talents and his honorable conduct have made him a factor in much that has had its influence upon the welfare of the State, and he has left the impress of his individuality for good on the commonwealth. Long after he shall have passed

away his words and work will remain as a monument to his memory, their fruition being shown in the lives of those with whom he has been associated.

JOHN H. WYMAN.

No man in Burlington is better known than John H. Wyman, for he is the oldest business man of the city in years of continuous connection with its commercial interests. Entering mercantile life here when a youth of fifteen years, he has steadily worked his way upward through the utilization and mastery of opportunity, and has found in each transition stage of his career the chance for further progress and great accomplishment. He is now at the head of the firm of Wyman & Rand, incorporated, dealers in carpets, furniture, and queensware, and occupies a foremost position in public opinion because of a business policy that he has ever maintained, that neither seeks nor requires disguise.

Mr. Wyman is a native of Lancaster, Mass., born in 1837, and is a representative of one of the oldest families of New England. His ancestors came from England in 1635, settling in the colony of Massachusetts; and in 1666 members of the family removed to Woburn, Mass., where they built a house, which is still in possession of their descendants. The Wyman family, always noted for patriotism, loyalty, and public spirit, was well represented in the colonial wars and in the war of the Revolution. John R. Wyman, father of our subject, born and reared in Massachusetts, was married there to Miss Harriet Rand. They came to Burlington about 1852,

but remained for only a few months, returning to Massachusetts, where they continued to reside until called to their final rest. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, died in 1878.

J. H. Wyman acquired his early education in the schools of his native State, and when fifteen years of age accompanied his parents on their removal to Burlington, but unlike them did not return to New England. Allying his interests with the great and growing West, he embraced the opportunities for business advancement here offered, and in the course of years has become one of the most prominent merchants of the State. He was fifteen years of age when he entered the general store of J. S. Kimball & Company as a clerk, remaining in their employ until 1864, when he purchased an interest in the business, in which he continued as partner for five years. He then withdrew, and entered business alone as a retail dealer in carpets, and this enterprise has since been conducted with good success. In 1879 he became associated with C. W. Rand as a member of the Wyman-Rand Carpet Company, and later they added a stock of furniture, queensware, glassware, curtains, and other household furnishings. The business was incorporated under the style of Wyman & Rand in 1894, and a wholesale and retail business has since been conducted. Mr. Rand died in 1897, but the former firm style has been retained, Mr. Wyman being president of the incorporated company. The business has suffered from two conflagrations, the first fire occurring in 1892, the second on the 5th of January, 1904. Each time a heavy loss was incurred, but the business was resumed on a more extensive scale than ever before, and has continually

grown until it has reached very extensive proportions. There are forty-five thousand square feet of floor space in the present building, which fronts on both Fourth and Jefferson Streets. A fine line of goods is carried, and the house enjoys an extensive and satisfactory trade. Their methods are in keeping with modern business ideas, and the plans inaugurated by the firm are attended with practical results that indicate their expediency. Mr. Wyman is a man of good business discernment, of energy and reliability, and the house of which he is the head has become one of the leading commercial enterprises not only of Burlington but of the State.

Mr. Wyman has been in business in this city for fifty-two consecutive years, and is furthermore entitled to distinction from the fact that he was the first to sell goods out of Burlington — its first commercial traveler. In 1859 he drove a team on a trip to Des Moines, selling goods for J. S. Kimball & Company. From 1885 until 1890 the firm of Wyman & Rand maintained branch stores at Ottumwa, Keokuk, Iowa; Hannibal, Mo.; and Carthage, Ill. They have a large storage building on Washington Street, while the retail store has been conducted at its present location for twenty-three years.

Mr. Wyman was married to Miss Angeline Smith, a native of Burlington and a daughter of Samuel Smith, a government contractor, who built the first grist-mill for the Indians in what is now Des Moines. He also built the first courthouse at Rock Island, Ill., but made his home in Burlington. Mr. and Mrs. Wyman were married in Burlington in 1858. They have one daughter, Frances, who is a graduate of the Burlington schools, and afterward spent six

years as a piano student in Berlin, Germany, under Musquoski. She is now engaged in teaching a class in music in Burlington. Two children born to Mr. and Mrs. Wyman are deceased. The family home is at 727 North Sixth Street.

Mr. Wyman is a member of Friendship Lodge, Knights of Pythias, also of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and for a half century has been identified with the Congregational church. His career should inspire all who read his life's history with a truer estimate of the value and sure reward of character. His business career, though not without its reverses and obstacles, has been marked by consecutive progress relative to the growth of the city, and to-day he stands pre-eminent among those who have gained success and an honorable name simultaneously.

HON. FREDRICK N. SMITH.

HON. FREDRICK N. SMITH, of Burlington, whose activity has been a controlling factor in the material progress and political interest of the State of Iowa for a third of a century, stands to-day as a typical representative of the spirit of the times, being closely in touch with the world's progress, and possessing an intellectual force that enables him to understand existing conditions and correctly value possibilities and utilize opportunities, not only in the field of commerce and finance, but also in political matters where the general interests of society are affected. Supervising his business interests, and meeting each obligation because it has been the duty of the day, he has at the same time, largely

unconsciously to himself, carved his name deeply on the roll of the distinguished citizens of Des Moines county. A native son of the county, he was born at Pleasant Grove, Washington township, Aug. 28, 1850, his father, A. J. Smith, having become one of the pioneer residents of this part of the State. He is descended from one of the old families of Virginia, his ancestral history being given in connection with the life record of his father on another page of this work. He acquired his preliminary education in the public schools of Des Moines county, and continued his studies in Denmark Academy, the oldest incorporated educational institution in the State of Iowa. When his attention was not occupied with the work of the school-room, it was largely given to farm labor, for by practical experience he became familiar with the work of the fields as well as with the control of the financial affairs connected with his father's large agricultural interests. More and more largely important duties were entrusted to him, and as he grew to manhood he became accustomed to handling enterprises of magnitude, both for his father and as an independent operator. One of the basic elements of his success is his power to recognize an opportunity for judicious investment. He has never withdrawn from the occupation to which he was reared, but has always controlled extensive farming interests, purchasing land from time to time in Pleasant Grove and Washington townships, until his reality holdings in the latter township, in the vicinity of Yarmouth, aggregate approximately eighteen hundred acres. He occupied his country home there until 1899, when he purchased a beautiful residence at 864 Franklin Street, one of the most desir-

able residence districts of the city. In addition to the supervision of his general farming interests, he is engaged in the raising, buying, feeding, and shipping of stock, handling about two thousand head of stock each year, while on his farm at Yarmouth alone he now has approximately seven hundred head of selected stock. In addition he owns and operates a ranch of five thousand acres in the State of Kansas, on which he has a herd of fifteen hundred cattle, and he spends two or three months each year upon the ranch in the necessary supervision of the business and the discussion of its conduct with his resident partner, H. M. Peckham, of Ness City, Kans. His business capacity has also permitted his active connection with other commercial interests, and for fifteen years he devoted considerable attention to the buying and storing of grain along the line of the Burlington & Oskaloosa Railroad, being associated in this enterprise for a number of years with R. M. Raab, of Burlington, and George Zion, of Mount Union. In 1895 he established the Farmers' Bank of Yarmouth, of which he has been president since its inception. It is an excellent country bank, drawing a good patronage from the agricultural community, and Mr. Smith brings to it the same keen perception and discrimination which marks his successful control of his other business interests. His attention, however, is given chiefly to the investment of his capital in land, to the control of his stock-raising interests, and to the political affairs which have been intrusted to him.

Endorsing the principles of Democracy, and deeply interested in their adoption because he believes they contain the best elements of good government, it would be

difficult to find a citizen who has manifested so slightly the spirit of the office-seeker and yet has figured so prominently in political circles. His fellow-townsmen, recognizing his ability and his devotion to all that fosters public progress, first elected him to office, and for twelve years he rendered acceptable service as a member of the township board of trustees, and for twenty years he acted as a member and treasurer of the school board at Yarmouth, rendering effective service to the cause of education along lines of practical improvement. His fidelity and capability in local office called to him public attention, and led to the bestowal of further political honors; and his personal popularity was attested when, as a candidate on a Democratic ticket, he won election in districts that the same years gave large majorities to the Republican candidates for governor and president. In 1900 he was elected to the Senate of the twenty-ninth General Assembly to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of W. A. McArthur, and in 1901 he was re-elected. During this incumbency he performed valuable service for his constituents, while as a member of the committees on compensation of public officers, ways and means, federal relations, agriculture, public libraries, cities and towns, and horticulture, he was enabled to make notable contributions to the prosperity of the State at large. As a constant student of the public needs and an unfaltering supporter of meritorious measures and methods, Senator Smith became well known in the capital, and it is the consensus of public opinion that the influence he gained in the matters of legislative polity was never misused. He is equally true to private trusts, as is demonstrated by his administration

of various estates, of which he has been made executor.

In fraternal circles in Iowa, Senator Smith is also well known. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of Federal Lodge, No. 445, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, at Yarmouth, of which he became a charter member, and which he served as treasurer for many years. In all movements with which he has been identified, his labors and counsels have been eagerly sought and their value proved. In many cases he has subordinated his private interests to the general good, and his course in all relations has been marked by justice and absolute rectitude and impartiality as between man and man in all his dealings and transactions.

In 1874 Mr. Smith was happily married, near Pleasant Grove, to Miss Caroline Beck, daughter of Conrad and Sophia Beck, who were natives of Germany, and became pioneer citizens of Des Moines county, where through close application, unremitting diligence, and judicious investment, Mr. Beck became an extensive landholder and one of the leading and representative farmers of his section of the State. Both he and his wife are now passed away. Mrs. Smith was reared under the parental roof, remaining at home until her marriage. In addition to her attractive social qualities, tact, and kindly consideration, which she always displays in extending the hospitality of their home to their many friends, Mrs. Smith has been a most valuable companion and helpmate to her husband in matters of business concern, her judgment and advice proving correct in many business transactions, and their congeniality of taste along many lines has resulted in an ideal home relation. They have become the parents of

four children, but lost one son, Webster, at the age of three and a half years. Three sons yet survive: William B., who wedded Miss Lilly Asby, is engaged in agricultural pursuits near Yarmouth; Justus C., who married Miss Kate Weber, of Memphis, Mo., resides on a farm near Mount Union; and Burrell D. is yet attending school. The greatest satisfaction that Mr. Smith has gained in the accumulation of wealth has come in the opportunity which it provides him of promoting the comfort and happiness of his family. The genial and wholesome traits of his nature and disposition have won him many friends, in whose respect and warm regard he finds the truest reward for duty well done. As a member of the body politic he has exhibited the virtues of an ideal citizen, and his business career has been marked by consecutive advancement, gaining in each onward step a broader outlook, nor has his path been strewn with the wrecks of other men's fortunes. The virile strength of the West and the dominant spirit of enterprise so characteristic of this section of the country, finds exemplification in his career.

LA MONTE COWLES.

LAMONTE COWLES, city attorney of Burlington, is one of the leading representatives of the Republican party in the first district of Iowa. Absolute fidelity to the interests of his clients, a wonderful capacity for hard work, and systematic preparation of all cases entrusted to his care, have been some of the noteworthy factors in the achievement of his success. It is long since he has had much leisure, and it is fortunate for him

that he can find genuine enjoyment, as he does, in the line of endeavor which he has chosen as his special work. Early in life he learned the hard but necessary lesson that "nothing of value can be gained without its equivalent," and therefore when he entered upon the practice of law he brought to bear all of the talents with which nature had liberally endowed him, industry and perseverance being among these.

Mr. Cowles was born in Oskaloosa, Iowa, Sept. 30, 1859, and is a son of the Rev. W. F. Cowles, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, who for a half century devoted his time and energies to the work of the gospel. At length he retired from active connection with the ministry, and spent his last days quietly at his home in Burlington, where he died July 16, 1899. His wife bore the maiden name of Maria Elizabeth LaMonte, and was a representative of one of the old Colonial families. The Cowles family was also established in America long prior to the Revolutionary War, the first of the name locating in this country about 1636. Many of the ancestors of our subject were actively connected with the patriot cause in the war for independence. Reverend Cowles served as revenue collector for the fourth district under President Lincoln, being twice appointed to that office, and the papers signed by President Lincoln are now in possession of LaMonte Cowles.

The itinerary of a Methodist minister caused frequent changes in the place of residence of the Cowles family during the boyhood and youth of LaMonte Cowles, who therefore attended school in various Iowa towns. He pursued his more specific literary education in the Iowa Wesleyan University at Mount Pleasant, where he was graduated with the class of 1879, winning

the degree of Bachelor of Arts; while later the same institution conferred upon him the honorary degree of Master of Arts. Going to the West he was for four years a civil engineer in the employ of the Union Pacific Railroad Company and the Burlington & Missouri Railroad Company, locating and constructing their lines in Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, and other Western States. Desiring, however, to become a member of the legal fraternity, Mr. Cowles entered the law office of Judge Power, of Burlington, where he spent three years as a student, applying himself assiduously to the mastery of the principles of jurisprudence. Within this time he was admitted to the bar, and afterward entered into partnership with C. B. Jack, a relation that was maintained for eighteen months, when Mr. Jack removed to Salt Lake City, Utah. Mr. Cowles has since been alone in general practice, and is regarded as one of the working members of the bar, preparing his cases with great care, thoroughness, and precision, and presenting his cause with clear and cogent reasoning. He has an extensive and representative clientage largely in the line of corporation law. He is general solicitor for the German-American Life Insurance Company, of Burlington, and general attorney for the General Agency Company, of Burlington. He is also identified with several important business enterprises, having direct bearing upon the material prosperity and commercial activity of the city, as well as providing a source of gratifying income to the stockholders. Political offices that he has filled have largely been in the line of his profession. He was city attorney for two years, afterward referee in bankruptcy for six years, and in 1904 was again elected city attorney, so that he is the present incumbent

in that office, and his early election was the popular evidence of the trust reposed in him after a former service in that position.

Recognized as one of the representative Republicans of his district, and one whose labors are of a practical and far-reaching character, Mr. Cowles has been called upon to serve in various positions in connection with the management of the party's interests. He has been chairman of the county and city central committees, and also chairman of the congressional committee of the first district for ten years, acting in that position at the present time. He has done much active campaign work as a speaker in presenting the issues before the public, and his utterances are always clear, logical, and convincing. He has been a candidate for county attorney and for State senator, but the district has a normal Democratic majority of fifteen hundred, and on this occasion he met defeat. He has, however, done effective and valuable service for his party, and following the close of the campaign of 1904 a local paper said of him: "LaMonte Cowles, chairman of the first district Republican committee, finds deep satisfaction in the result at the polls. He had made it his personal endeavor to conduct an effective campaign under conditions which largely eliminated public meetings, street parades, and brass bands. The usual concomitants of a presidential campaign were not in vogue this year. Here, as elsewhere in the United States, the chief reliance of both parties was in organization, leaving political discussion chiefly to the press. Mr. Cowles quietly, but sedulously, conducted the campaign along less spectacular lines, and he has the gratification of seeing Mr. Hedge re-elected by nearly five thousand plurality, the largest ever given a candidate in this district."

Mr. Cowles is a Mason, a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, of the Woodmen of the World, and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He was married on the 15th of Sept., 1886, to Miss Hattie E. Kane, who died Nov. 11, 1889, leaving a daughter, Ethel M. On the 24th of November, 1898, Mr. Cowles was again married in Burlington, his second union being with Ida M. Miller, of this city. Their home at 810 North Fifth Street was erected in 1899, and is one of the attractive residences of the city, its hospitality being cordial.

F. OTIS GRANDSTAFF.

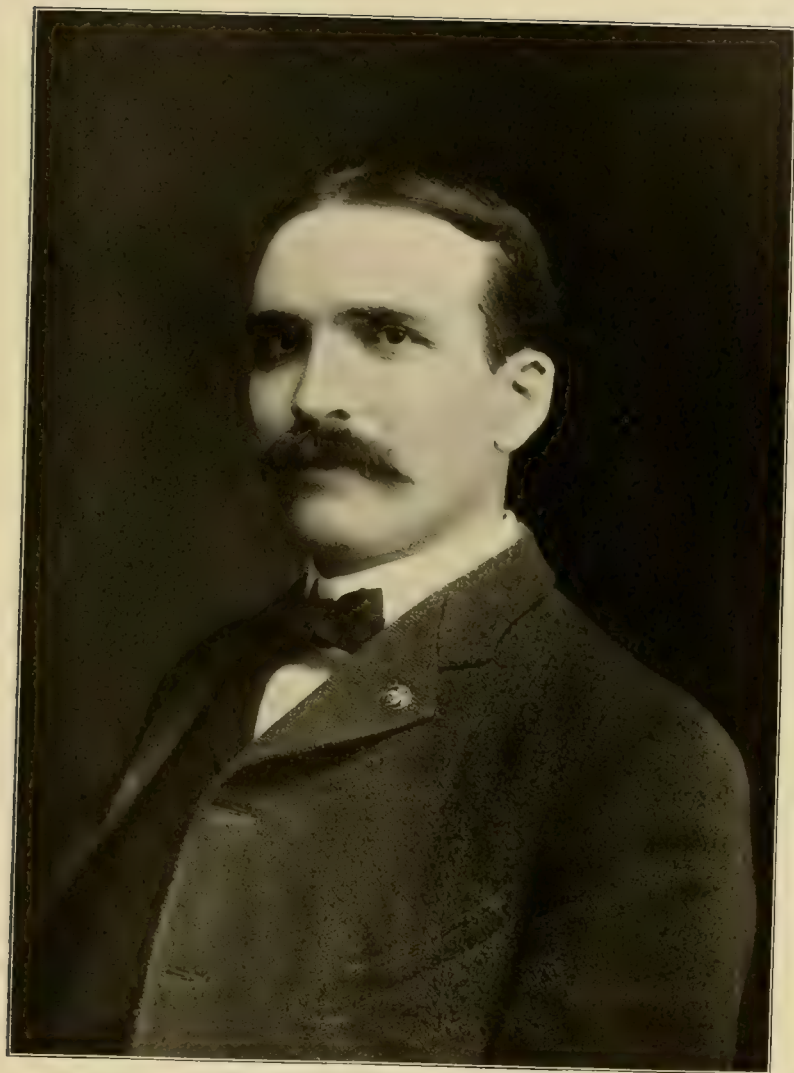
F. OTIS GRANDSTAFF, secretary of the firm of Acres, Blackmar & Co., manufacturing stationers of Burlington, has arisen to this position from that of a humble employee of the house, nor is there any unusual phase in his business career, his advancement being gained through close application, unfaltering energy, and a mastery of every duty assigned him — qualities which all may cultivate, and which never fail to bring results.

F. Otis Grandstaff was born in Guthrie county, Iowa, Nov. 18, 1866, his parents being James and Martha (Frazer) Grandstaff. The father was born in Zanesville, Ohio, in 1843, and was a son of Eli Grandstaff, who became a resident of Zanesville during the pioneer epoch in its history, and there followed the shoemaker's trade for a time, but later engaged in merchandizing at other places. In 1854 he came with his family to Iowa, locating near what is now Guthrie Center, although at that time the site of the town was an unbroken prairie.

There he secured a tract of land, made a home, and developed a farm, but because of the severe climate he and his son James, with their respective families, removed to Mercer county, Mo., and in that locality purchased land. Mr. Grandstaff continued to make his home there for some time, but when in advanced years he took up his abode in the home of his daughter at Stanberry, Mo., spending his last days with her.

James Grandstaff was educated in Zanesville, Ohio, and in the primitive schools of Iowa such as were common in every pioneer district. He has, however, been a close student in later years, reading broadly, thinking deeply, and thus acquiring an intimate knowledge not only of books, but of the great questions which have been of concern to the world in its progress toward an advanced civilization. He was but eighteen years of age when, in response to his country's call for aid, he enlisted in Company I, Twenty-ninth Volunteer Infantry, being with the regiment from its organization until it was mustered out after the close of the war. He was a non-commissioned officer, but during the greater part of his service acted as regimental quartermaster.

On his return from the army he was elected county superintendent of schools of Guthrie county, but resigned that position in order to remove south with his family and his father. He purchased a farm in Mercer county, Mo., where he continued to reside until 1884. In that year he returned to Iowa, settling at Leon, where he carried on business for a time. At a later date he occupied the position of recorder of deeds in Decatur county for nearly six years, his official service giving entire satisfaction. Upon his retirement from the office he again became a factor in business life, and is now



F. OTIS GRANDSTAFF.

a furniture dealer and undertaker at Leon. He is classed with the representative men of that place, prominent in commercial circles and in public affairs.

In his political views he has ever been a Republican, active in support of the party and its principles, as was his father. In September, 1865, he was married to Miss Martha Frazer, their only child being F. Otis, of this review. Mr. and Mrs. Grandstaff hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, taking an active part in the work of both church and Sunday-school.

F. Otis Grandstaff at the usual age began his education, attending a typical country school of northern Missouri. The little temple of learning was a log cabin with puncheon floor and slab benches. Later he enjoyed the advantages of instruction in the graded schools of Leon, Iowa, and subsequently became his father's assistant in his store, aiding him during the periods of vacation and at other times when his studies would permit. He remained in Leon until 1890, removing to Burlington at the time his father was made recorder of deeds in Decatur county. Here Mr. Grandstaff entered the employ of J. L. Kelly & Co., dealers in agricultural implements, but after a few months he secured a position with the firm of Acres, Blackmar & Co., as book-keeper, entering that service in August, 1890. His capability won ready promotion, and in each transitional stage of his business career he has found opportunity for further advancement and broader effort. Eventually he became interested in the business financially, and is now secretary and general manager of the company, conducting the largest stationery manufacturing business in Iowa, and giving employment to a large force of operatives and local sales-

men as well as traveling men. The product of the house is sold throughout Iowa and surrounding States, and a liberal patronage is enjoyed because of the excellence of the manufactured goods, the reasonable prices, and the reliability of the house in all trade transactions.

Mr. Grandstaff has made for himself a prominent position and honored name in commercial circles, and yet is perhaps equally known as the champion of Republican principles, being recognized as one of the leading members of the party in this city. He belongs to the county central committee, and has been a delegate to many of the State conventions. He has never sought or desired office, however, although in March, 1904, he was elected councilman at large for Burlington. As a member of the board of aldermen he is now serving as chairman of the finance and judiciary committees, and is also an active working member on other committees, including the claims, water, and light committees. He entered upon his official duties with the same spirit that characterizes his business career, that of close application and a thorough mastery of every duty that devolves upon him.

Mr. Grandstaff was made a Mason in Malta Lodge, No. 318, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and has since taken the degrees of Iowa Chapter, No. 1, Royal Arch Masons, Zerubbabel Council, Royal and Select Masters, St. Omer Commandery, No. 15, Knights Templar, and Zerapath Consistory of Davenport, Iowa. He likewise belongs to the Kaaba Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Davenport. He is thus prominent in Masonry, having taken most of the degrees, and with its teaching and tenets he is familiar, while in his life he exemplifies its beneficent and helpful spirit.

Mr. Grandstaff was married on the twelfth of November, 1891, to Miss Anna L. Failor, of Newton, Iowa, a daughter of Benjamin M. and Sarah J. Failor. They have two children, Benjamin F. and Martha. They are members of the Presbyterian church at Burlington, Mrs. Grandstaff having served as its organist for many years. She is also associated with the prominent musical societies of the city, and is well known in connection with many of the leading musical events of Burlington, while her position in social circles is an enviable one. The family home is at 1304 North Sixth Street, situated on the Mississippi River bluff, Black Hawk Rock, a notable feature in the scenery along the river, being immediately back of this property.

JAMES LYMAN EDWARDS.

JAMES LYMAN EDWARDS, president of the Merchant's National Bank of Burlington, has attained distinction in financial and business circles as the youngest bank president in Iowa of an institution of the size and character of that of which he is now the head. A native son of Iowa, his career confers honor upon the State, illustrating its possibilities and opportunities that lie before the young man of determined purpose and laudable ambition. With a ready recognition of opportunity, without which there is no success, Mr. Edwards has steadily advanced in those walks of life demanding close application, strong intellectuality, and determined purpose.

Born in Morning Sun, on Oct. 2, 1864, he is a son of Manasseh and Orra W. (Hurd) Edwards. His father was a native of

Wales, born Oct. 4, 1839, and in his childhood days was brought to America by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Edwards, who established their home in Iowa, the former following the occupation of wagon-making in order to provide for his family. Manasseh Edwards, having acquired his education in the public schools of Iowa, learned the trade of cabinet-making and located at Morning Sun. There he was married to Miss Orra W. Hurd, a native of Ohio, who had come to Iowa with her parents in her early girlhood. In 1881 Mr. Edwards removed with his family to Burlington, and has since been connected with the lumber business of this city. While a resident of Morning Sun he was elected recorder of Louisa county, and his capability led to his re-election, so that he was the incumbent in that position for four years. His political allegiance has always been given to the Republican party, but he has had little time or inclination to seek public preferment. He and his wife hold membership in the First Presbyterian church, and he has made for himself a creditable name in social and business circles.

James Lyman Edwards acquired his early education in Morning Sun, continued his studies in Wapello, and after his arrival in Burlington in 1880 pursued a course of study in Orchard City Business College. He then secured a position with H. A. Brown & Company, dealers in boots and shoes, as a bookkeeper, but soon accepted a similar position with the Burlington School Furniture Company, with which he remained for two years. Later he spent a brief period at Red Oak, Iowa, and then entered upon his first active connection with the banking business as an employee in the Red Oak National Bank. On Oct. 21, 1885,

he entered the Merchant's National Bank of Burlington as general bookkeeper, and was the accountant for the institution until Oct. 4, 1897, when he was promoted to the position of cashier, acting in that capacity uninterruptedly until April 28, 1904, when he was elected president. The election came to him as an honor, and one well deserved, he being the youngest bank president in Iowa, having control of a moneyed institution of such extent and importance as the Merchant's National of Burlington. This bank was organized in October, 1870, and now has a capital of one hundred thousand dollars, with surplus and undivided profits amounting to one hundred and twelve thousand dollars. In this respect the Merchant's National surpasses any bank in the city. For twenty years Mr. Edwards has been connected with this institution, working earnestly and untiringly for its welfare, and gradually he has gained advancement until he to-day stands at the head of one of the most important financial concerns of Burlington. The bank occupies fine quarters in its own building at the corner of Main and Jefferson Streets, the building being elegantly furnished and equipped with every modern device for convenience and safety. There are also modern safety deposit vaults, affording every possible protection to the depositors.

Mr. Edwards is also a director of the Merchant's National Bank, and is well known in connection with other banking institutions, being a prominent representative of financial interests of the Middle West. He is a director of the First National Bank of Dallas City, Ill., and was one of the promoters in building up this institution. He likewise has made investments in other banking houses outside of Burlington, and

is to-day one of the leading representatives of financial circles. He belongs to the Iowa State Bankers' Association, of which he was at one time vice-president, and he has declined the presidency on account of business interests. He likewise belongs to the American Bankers' Association, and is a regular attendant at its meetings.

In his political views Mr. Edwards is a stalwart Republican, thoroughly informed concerning the questions and issues of the day. Fraternally he is connected with Malta Lodge, No. 318, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He belongs to the Commercial Exchange of this city, and he is a member of the First Presbyterian church of Burlington. By the consensus of public opinion he ranks with the leading men of his adopted city, occupying a notable position among those in control of financial interests. His energies have been directed to banking as a focusing point, and his close application, systematic effort, and unfaltering purpose have resulted in the successful culmination of his laudable ambitions and expectations.

WILLIAM CLAIBORNE HUNT.

THERE is no name in Des Moines county which carries with it more of integrity, of uprightness, of earnest citizenship, or calls forth more universal expressions of regard, than that of W. Claiborne Hunt, now among the oldest settlers in the county. Whatever of virtue in the character of Mr. Hunt, whatever of quality in his living, has been directly founded upon traits inherited from an ancestry rich in the virtues of patriotism, loyalty, steadfastness, and principle, which to-day places him in the foremost ranks of

the highly honored and respected men of the community.

Mr. Hunt was born Jan. 21, 1818, in Bond county, Illinois, and is a son of John Bael and Esther (Bartlett) Hunt. His father was born in Baltimore, Md., Feb. 2, 1771, and located in Bond county in 1811, where he bought a large farm, and was engaged in general farming for many years. He died Feb. 21, 1850, at the age of seventy-nine years. The mother of our subject was born in Greenbrier county, West Virginia, June 27, 1773, and survived her husband eight years, dying Sept. 10, 1858. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom all are dead but three: Claiborn, of this review; Esther, the wife of Peter L. Delashmutt, of Montgomery county, Iowa; and Louise Hunt, who resides near Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Hunt were devoted members of the Methodist church, and the former was a firm Democrat, but by no means an office-seeker. He served all through the War of 1812, stationed at Edwardsville, Madison county, Ill.

Claiborn Hunt attended the district schools in Bond county for a short time, and then later pursued his studies in a little old log schoolhouse in McDonough county, Illinois. He then remained on his father's farm till he was about twenty-one years of age, when he went to Eddyville, Iowa, in 1836, and lived alone on a piece of land for awhile.

Nov. 21, 1843, Mr. Hunt married Miss Ann Smith, who is a daughter of Peter and Martha (Ellison) Smith, and was born in Sutton, England, Aug. 15, 1821. A full history of her parents will appear in the sketch of her brother, Samuel Smith, on another page in this book. Mrs. Hunt was educated in the Moravian school, in Eng-

land, and came to America in 1835 with her parents. After the marriage of this worthy couple they settled on forty acres of land in Union township, Des Moines county, and at first lived in a little log house in the old-fashioned pioneer times. From time to time he added more land, made the improvements of a substantial kind which are necessary for the progressive farmer, and built a comfortable brick residence. He carried on farming and stock-raising, and continued to live on this farm, which had increased to one hundred and fifty acres under his careful management and general supervision, for over fifty-seven years. In 1901 Mr. Hunt sold his entire farm, and shortly afterward moved to the city of Burlington and purchased a beautiful home at 101 Woodlawn Avenue, where he and Mrs. Hunt can have more frequent social intercourse with their many friends and acquaintances, and spend the evening of their active and well-spent lives in ease and pleasure. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hunt were born eight children, of whom six are living: Laura, married Albert Gunn, of Cobden, Ill., and died in 1901, leaving three children, Josephine, Lucy, Elizabeth, and George; William A., an employee of the Rand Lumber Company, of Burlington, Iowa, residing at 101 Woodlawn Avenue. He has one son, Harvey, who is a railway postal clerk, and lives with his parents. Josephine, died Sept. 28, 1872. Esther, is the wife of H. J. Whipple, who had three children by his former marriage (Amy, Elsie, and James), who are students in a Boston college. Mr. and Mrs. Whipple formerly resided in South Dakota, but now live in Cuba. Charles C., who is also in Cuba, with his sister. Martha B., married Fremont Jackson, and lives on a farm in Kansas. She has three children,

Claiborne, Josephine Denirah, and Frances. Francis Bell, a farmer in Union township, and has three children, Nixon Claiborne, Gray, and Robert. Dr. John P., a prosperous dentist in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, has seven children: Ethel May, James, Arthur, Paul, Annie Christine, Alice, and Walter.

Mrs. Hunt has been a devoted member of the Methodist church for over fifty years, and in her younger days was much interested in Sunday-school work. Mr. Hunt has always cast his vote for the Democratic candidates, but did not care for office, though he served his district as school director for six years. Time has dealt gently with this aged and worthy couple, as soon the sixty-second anniversary of their marriage will be celebrated—a happy occurrence which falls to the lot of but very few. Mrs. Hunt made a visit to the land of her birth alone several years ago, and Mr. Hunt is also physically able to visit his children often. They have noted many vast changes in the county during their long sojourn through life, and can give some very interesting accounts of the pioneer times of fifty years ago. What Mr. and Mrs. Hunt have accomplished in life by their moral and upright lives can not be measured in words; the fruits of their living will go on beyond the borders of the present, and blossom again, bringing into the lives of those yet to come the beauty and richness of unselfish, pioneer lives, strong in the elements upon which a statehood is always founded.

GEN. JAMES A. GUEST.

GEN. JAMES A. GUEST, of Burlington, prominent in commercial, social, and military circles, was born in Lyons, Wayne

county, N. Y., May 4, 1845, his parents being Joseph and Lydia (Curtis) Guest. The ancestry of the family can be traced back to Joseph Guest, who left England as a passenger on the ship "Delaware" about 1645, and established his home at Swedesboro, becoming the progenitor of the family in America. The house which he builded there of imported brick, is still standing. William C. Guest, one of the descendants of Joseph Guest, and the grandfather of General Guest, was an officer in the Seventy-first New York Regiment in the War of 1812. He commanded a company of cavalry and was stationed at Black Rock, now Buffalo, N. Y. Previous to the war he had removed from New Jersey to Lyons, N. Y., becoming one of the pioneer residents of that district. Following the cessation of hostilities with England, he went on a trip of six hundred miles through the forests to Philadelphia, taking with him a drove of horses. He died in that city, of pneumonia, the result of exposure and hardships while on the trip. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Wallace, was a relative of Sir John Wallace, of Scotland, and with her parents she emigrated from Scotland to New Jersey.

Joseph L. Guest, father of General Guest, was born in New Jersey in 1809, and during his infancy was taken by his parents to New York. His mother remained a resident of Lyons after her husband's death, and Joseph there spent the days of his youth and acquired his education. He became a merchant tailor, and removing to the West, spent his remaining days in Michigan. He married Lydia Curtis, a native of Pennsylvania, who died when her son James was nine years of age.

James A. Guest pursued his education in

Lyons, N. Y., completing his course in the academy there, and at the age of seventeen enlisted in defense of the Union, becoming a member of Company C, One Hundred and Sixtieth New York Infantry, thus joining the army in 1862. He was first sent to New York and thence to New Orleans, going with General Banks's expedition. They made the trip by ocean on transports and were twenty-nine days in reaching the southern port. Mr. Guest participated in twenty-one engagements with his regiment, being for two years in Louisiana, after which he was in Virginia under command of Generals Grant and Sheridan. The regiment proceeded by steamer to Fortress Monroe, where the troops joined Grant's forces, and later they participated in the movements in the Shenandoah Valley under Sheridan. Mr. Guest was severely wounded at the battle of Winchester, where Sheridan made his famous ride, and was in the hospital for two months afterward. He then rejoined his regiment, with which he served until mustered out on account of the cessation of the war. He was then serving as first sergeant, and was commissioned by Governor Fenton of New York as second lieutenant, but could not get his commission because of his regiment's being below the required numerical strength. Prior to the close of his service he was sent to Georgia to quell a negro insurrection there. In November, 1865, he was discharged, having served for three and a half years, during which time he did his full duty as a soldier in one of the most fiercely contested wars in all history.

Returning to Lyons, N. Y., General Guest pursued a course in Ames Business College, at Syracuse, and then came to Iowa, settling at Belle Plain, where he en-

gaged in business, meeting with success during his seven or eight years' connection with its commercial interests. He came to Burlington in 1875, and became connected with the piano and organ trade, purchasing the interest of Mr. Lange in the firm of Lange & Van Meter, the leading music dealers of the city. The firm name was then changed to Van Meter & Guest. After two years Mr. Guest purchased his partner's interest, and has since conducted the business alone. Under his guidance it has continually expanded, and has now reached very extensive and profitable proportions. He now handles Chickering & Sons and other high-grade pianos, having the sole agency for Iowa and portions of other States. His business in Burlington now occupies his entire business block, three stories in height, at 106 North Main Street. He also has branch houses at Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, Ottumwa, Iowa, and Monmouth, Ill., and furnishes employment to a large number of traveling and local salesmen. His trade has grown along substantial lines, and his business, conducted in harmony with modern ideas of progress in commercial circles, and in strict conformity with the highest commercial ethics, has brought to him a very gratifying prosperity.

Always deeply interested in music, General Guest has been active in securing the best musical talent for Burlington in concerts and other public performances, and in promoting musical education and culture here, and his efforts have been far-reaching in this particular.

General Guest is perhaps equally well known in military circles in Iowa, having become identified at an early day with the Iowa National Guard as captain of Company H, Second Regiment. He was after-

ward promoted to the rank of major, lieutenant-colonel, and then to the colonelcy. The regiment was composed of twelve companies, representing twelve towns and cities. Subsequently he was elected brigadier-general of the First Brigade, and his labors have been effective in promoting the interest of the national guard and in the formation of a military organization which is a credit to the State.

In his political views General Guest has always been a Republican, but never an aspirant for office.

He is a member of Malta Lodge, No. 318, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a past master; Iowa Chapter, No. 1, Royal Arch Masons; St. Omer Commandery, No. 15, Knights Templar, of which he is past commander. He is also past grand commander of the grand commandery of the State of Iowa, and thus one of the foremost representatives among the Knights Templar of the State.

In community affairs he is deeply interested, his efforts having proved of practical benefit to the city in many ways. He was president of the Commercial Exchange, the leading manufacturers' and jobbers' club of Burlington, and served as such for three years. His co-operation can always be counted upon for the furtherance of any progressive measure for the city, and his influence has been an essential factor in winning support of popular measures for the public good.

General Guest was married to Miss Louise M. David, of Burlington, a daughter of Col. John S. David, who was born in Kentucky, and was one of the prominent pioneers of Burlington. He built the first warehouse along the river here, was also engaged in the grocery business, and oper-

ated quite extensively in real estate, building a number of city blocks in the early years of his residence here. His labors largely promoted the early growth and substantial development of Burlington. The marriage of General Guest and Louise M. David was celebrated June 6, 1876, and they have one son, Lyman, who is with his father in the music business. They are members of the Episcopal church, of which General Guest has served as vestryman and warden. Their home, at No. 1020 North Fifth Street, is the center of a cultured society circle. Long residents of Burlington, they have a wide acquaintance and a host of warm friends.

The career of General Guest has been marked by consecutive progress in business and military life, and undoubtedly he could have won political honors had he so desired, but he felt the pursuits of private life as abundantly worthy of his best efforts, and these have been so discerningly directed in the fields of business activity as to win a gratifying measure of success, and gain a place as one of the leading representatives of commercial interests in his adopted city.

T. W. KRIECHBAUM.

T. W. KRIECHBAUM, who, entering business life as a messenger in the German American Savings Bank, has for a number of years been cashier of that reliable institution, having advanced through consecutive stages of promotion to his present responsible position, was born in Burlington in 1860. His father, John P. Kriechbaum, was a native of Darmstadt, Germany, and at the age of twelve years came to

America with his parents, the family home being established in Burlington, Iowa, in 1837. John P. Kriechbaum learned the cooper's trade, and for many years owned and conducted a cooperage business in this city. He was married in Burlington to Miss Elizabeth Funk, also a native of Darmstadt, and unto them were born eleven children, six of whom are now living: August B., Charles, Fred, Edward, T. W., and Nellie. The daughter is the wife of Rev. F. D. Burhaus, a Congregational minister of Chicago. The father, John P. Kriechbaum, died June 7, 1887, at the age of seventy years, his birth having occurred on the 5th of March, 1817. He had retired from active life when about sixty years of age, thus spending the last decade of his earthly pilgrimage in well-earned rest from labor. His political support was given to the Democracy, and for one term he had served as alderman. He belonged to the German Evangelical church. Mrs. Kriechbaum died in February, 1905.

At the usual age T. W. Kriechbaum began his education in the public schools of his native city, and continued therein until he had mastered the high school course. At the age of seventeen, three years after the organization of the German American Savings Bank, he became a messenger boy in that institution. He was soon made a bookkeeper, and continued in that capacity until the retirement of W. A. Torrey, whom he succeeded in the position of cashier in 1897. He has contributed in no small degree to the success and development of the bank, and has intimate and thorough knowledge of the banking business in every department.

In 1883 Mr. Kriechbaum was united in marriage to Miss Sophia M. Niehaus, a

native of Burlington, and a daughter of J. F. W. Niehaus, now deceased, who at one time was engaged in furniture manufacturing in this city. His wife, who in her maidenhood was Lazetta Von Palgenmeier, is of German birth, and is still living. Two children have been born unto Mr. and Mrs. Kriechbaum: Horace T., a graduate of the Burlington high school, and now a student of medicine in the Northwestern University at Chicago; and Walter, who is attending the high school of this city. In 1891 Mr. Kriechbaum built his present home at 413 South Gunnison Street. He is a member of Des Moines Lodge, No. 1, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is treasurer, and of St. Omer Commandery, No. 15, of which he is treasurer. He also belongs to Excelsior Lodge, No. 268, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is serving as its treasurer, and is likewise a member of the Commercial Exchange. He ranks as one of the enterprising business men of Burlington, equally active in matters of citizenship as in financial circles, and his broad humanitarian spirit is indicated by his liberal and frequent contributions to churches, hospitals, and charities.

WASHINGTON DALLAM GILBERT.

W. DALLAM GILBERT, for forty years one of the most prominent business men of Burlington, was born in Cassville, Crawford county, Wis., in February, 1829, while his parents were temporarily residing there on their way from Kentucky to Prairie du Chien, Wis. The grandfather, Samuel Gilbert, was a native of Virginia, whence he removed to Kentucky. His business



WASHINGTON DALLAM GILBERT.

was that of a tobacco-planter, and he owned a number of slaves in Kentucky; but becoming convinced that the system of slavery was wrong, he freed all of his bondsmen.

Samuel Gilbert, Jr., father of W. Dallam Gilbert, was a native of Kentucky, and married Philotheta Parker, who was born in Oneida county, New York, in 1798. She was a representative of one of the old families of this country, and England, being a lineal descendant of the Parker earls of Macclesfield, the original ancestor in America having come from England to Massachusetts about 1645. There he established his family, and later the Indians massacred the parents; but the children escaped, hiding in the grass. The youngest one, Samuel, reached adult age, afterward removed to Coventry, Conn., and lived to the very advanced age of one hundred and six years. He built the first house and barn in Coventry, and was the first deacon in the first Congregational church there. His descendant, the father of Mrs. Philotheta Gilbert, was a soldier in the War of 1812. He removed with his family from New York to Louisville, Ky., in a covered wagon when his daughter was fifteen years of age, and there she afterward formed the acquaintance of Mr. Gilbert and gave to him her hand in marriage. In 1827 they removed to Galena, Ill., which was then enjoying a period of rapid growth and prosperity. Later they went to what was then the territory of Michigan, settling in Cassville, and two years afterward started for Prairie du Chien, then an extreme outpost, where Fort Crawford was built. The pioneer settlers freely mingled with the Sacs, Fox, Winnebago, and Menominee Indians. Mr. Gilbert was one of the ear-

liest lumbermen in the upper country, taking an active part in reclaiming the natural resources of the State for the uses of the white man and in promoting its material prosperity. About 1845 he removed from Prairie du Chien, Wis., to Albany, Ill.

W. Dallam Gilbert spent the first sixteen years of his life at Prairie du Chien, where he pursued his education under private tutors, and later he accompanied his parents on their removal to Albany, Ill. At that age the spirit of commercialism had so developed itself that he determined to take a raft of logs down the river to Fort Madison, which task he successfully accomplished, selling the logs for his father. Subsequently he accepted a position as clerk for the Nelson & Gilbert Company at Wilson's Landing, Wis., and at the age of nineteen years, in connection with a brother, he purchased a lumber mill at Eau Clair, Wis., the plant being located on the present site of the town. Thus he became actively associated with the lumber industries of the State. In 1851 he came to Burlington, Iowa, where, in connection with John W. Gilbert, he established a lumber business that grew to extensive proportions, becoming known far and wide. Their patronage increased with the growth of the State and its wonderful development. They had the keen foresight to anticipate what would be the needs of the commonwealth in their direction, made judicious investment in forest lands, and utilized their timber interests in the manufacture of lumber that found a ready sale on the market and brought to them a splendid financial return. Mr. Gilbert dealt largely in pine lands, and operated mills in Minnesota and Wisconsin. He also owned extensive pineries in Washington. He likewise became a large

owner of Burlington real estate, and laid out two additions to the city which bear his name. He and his business associates probably did more toward the upbuilding and development of Burlington than any other individual or corporation. Mr. Gilbert erected many houses, which he sold on easy terms, thus adding to the material improvement of Burlington, and making possible the ownership of homes to many men in moderate financial circumstances. He also became prominent in banking circles, and was a director of The Merchants National Bank and an officer of the German American Savings Bank.

Mr. Gilbert married Miss Hetta Wells Merrill, who was born in Plymouth, N. H., in 1835, and when seven years of age removed with her parents to Boston. In 1859 she gave her hand in marriage to Mr. Gilbert in Burlington, having in the meantime accompanied the family on their removal to this city. She is a daughter of Stevens Merrill, formerly a resident of Warren and Plymouth, N. H., and Boston, Mass., coming from the latter place to Burlington, where he purchased the home now occupied by his daughter, Mrs. Gilbert, at 910 Jefferson Street. It was then situated in the midst of a hickory grove, but now stands thirty feet above the street level. Part of the house—known as "Hickory Grove"—is more than sixty years old. Late in life he sold this property to Mr. Gilbert, whose widow now resides there with her only remaining daughter, Mrs. Cate Wells, and the latter's son Gilbert. Mr. Merrill was of an old Quaker family descended from Nathaniel Merrill, who located in Ipswich, Mass., in 1633, and two years later became a pioneer settler and

founder of Newburyport. The Merrill family was originally, however, of Huguenot origin, living at Auvergne in the south of France, and the name there was spelled Du Merle. Representatives of the name fled to England at the time of the St. Bartholomew massacre. They were connected with the French nobility, and at the time of the removal to England the *fleur de lis* on the shield was displaced by a peacock's head, the crest remaining the same.

W. D. Gilbert died April 16, 1894, leaving to his widow and daughter a large estate. Not only had he controlled extensive business interests, being for forty years an active representative of trade relations in Burlington and in the West, but was also prominent in the community affairs of the city. He belonged to the Masonic fraternity, was a member and liberal contributor to the Congregational church. He served in the city council, and was once defeated for the office of mayor when a candidate on the Democratic ticket. He possessed a social, genial nature that won him warm friendships, while his business successes awakened for him the admiration and respect of all who knew aught of his history. His name is inseparably associated with the progress and upbuilding of Burlington along many lines, and no history of the city would be complete without a detailed account of his career. Mrs. Gilbert, prominent in social and church circles in Burlington, is now the president of the Norman Circle of Kings Daughters. Mrs. Wells is president of the Burlington Musical Club and regent of the Burlington Chapter of the Daughters of American Revolution, and a member of the Society of the Colonial Dames of America.

HON. JOHN GRAHAM FOOTE.

THE memory of Hon. John Graham Foote will always be associated with the city of Burlington, Iowa, as a pioneer and prominent leader in her upbuilding and development, and not only did he accomplish much for his adopted city, but throughout a long term of years he exercised a wide and beneficent influence upon the public affairs of the State of Iowa. Mr. Foote was born at Middlebury, Vt., April 21, 1814, a son of Justus and Harriet S. (Graham) Foote, of that fine old Puritan stock which for nearly three centuries has so potently shaped the course of American history. The founder of the family in America was Nathaniel Foote, who was born in England in 1593, married in that country Elizabeth Denning about the year 1615, and had two sons and five daughters. His name first appears this side the Atlantic in the records of Massachusetts Bay colony for 1633, when he took the freeman's oath. It also appears conclusively that he had land assigned to him at Watertown, Mass., and later he became a pioneer settler of Wethersfield, Conn., his name appearing in the charter as one of the patentees. He died in 1664, aged fifty-one years, and his wife, Elizabeth, on July 28, 1683, aged eighty-eight years. His eldest son, Nathaniel, was born in England in 1620, married Elizabeth Smith, of Wethersfield, Conn., in 1646, and by her had three sons and one daughter. He died in 1655, at the age of thirty-four, after having spent the greater part of his life in Wethersfield. Samuel, second son of the foregoing, was born at Wethersfield, Conn., in 1649, married Mary Merrick, of Springfield, Mass., in 1671, and was a resident of Hatfield, Mass., the date

of his death being Sept. 7, 1689, while his wife died Oct. 3, 1690. He was the father of five sons and three daughters, and Daniel, the fifth son, who was born at Hatfield in 1689, married Mary Collyer, of Hartford, Conn., in 1718, they residing at Simsbury, Conn., where they had four sons and four daughters. Daniel Foote died July 15, 1740, aged fifty-one years, and his wife on June 17, 1769, aged seventy-one years. Samuel, eldest son of Daniel, was born at Hartford, Conn., in 1719, and married Lois Loomis on Nov. 24, 1743, by whom he had five sons and five daughters. They resided in Simsbury, Conn., and he died Sept. 18, 1775. Elijah, third son of Samuel Foote, was born at Simsbury, Conn., March 14, 1755, and was twice married, first on Dec. 12, 1771, to Mary Latimer, who died, survived by five sons and one daughter. The second marriage was to Zerniah Barton, at Norwich, Vt., and by this union he had two sons and one daughter. He resided at Simsbury, New Haven, Middlebury, Conn., and Fairfield, Vt., and some place in New York, and his death occurred in his seventy-second year, in 1828, while his wife, Zerniah, died in 1827. Justus Foote, fourth son of Elijah, was born at Simsbury, Conn., June 24, 1782, and on April 15, 1810, married Harriet S. Graham, daughter of Rev. John Graham, of Suffield, Conn. They resided at Middlebury, Vt., and he died, June 10, 1829, aged forty-seven years, while the date of his wife's demise was April 20, 1865, in the seventy-sixth year of her age. To them were born five sons and three daughters, and their second child was John Graham Foote, whose name introduces this review.

In the maternal line, Mr. Foote was descended from James Graham, Marquis of Montrose, who was born in Scotland in

1612, and died in 1651. An intermediate descendant of this nobleman was Andrew Graham, who died in June, 1785, aged fifty-seven years. Rev. John Graham, son of Andrew, was born in Scotland in 1694, came to America when young, and began his career as a minister of the gospel at twenty-seven years of age. He settled at Stafford, Conn., in 1723, and died at Southburg, that State, Dec. 11, 1774. His son, also Rev. John Graham, was born 1722, and died at Suffield, Conn., in 1796, aged seven-four years. Harriet Swan Graham, daughter of the second Rev. John Graham, and mother of our subject, was born at West Suffield, Conn., and married Capt. Justus Foote, at Middlebury, Vt., April 15, 1810. She died in Burlington, Iowa, April 20, 1865. It is now more than one hundred years since her father was pastor of the church at West Suffield, Hartford county, Conn. He was one of the early graduates of Yale College, having been a member of the class of 1740.

Hon. John Graham Foote, as a boy and young man, received the best schooling available at that time, for he was educated at Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vt., but preferring an active and practical life to the pursuit of a learned profession, he learned the trade followed by his father, who was a saddler in Middlebury. The stories of the great new West, however, appealed to his imagination, and his love of enterprise and worthy endeavor, and in 1835 he came westward to St. Louis, where he acted as a clerk until 1843, which was the date of his coming to Burlington as the representative of his employers in St. Louis, for the purpose of establishing here a branch of their large hardware business. In Burlington, on Aug. 20, 1845, he wedded Miss Eliza Jane Ewing, and to them were born four

children, but of the number only one grew to maturity, this being Harriet, who married Frank R. Durham, then chief clerk of the Burlington postoffice, and has two sons and a daughter, Harriet Foote, John Graham, and George Foote. Mr. Durham is now deceased, having died June 30, 1891. Eliza Jane (Ewing) Foote, first wife of our subject, died Aug. 5, 1853, aged twenty-nine years.

In 1855, Mr. Foote again married, his second wife being Miss Mary E. Merrill, who survives him. Mrs. Foote is descended from Nathaniel Merrill, of England, who landed at Ipswich, Mass., in 1634. The family originally emigrated to England from Auvergne, France, shortly after the Massacre of St. Bartholomew, in all probability, as they were Huguenots, and fled from France for safety. They first located in Worcester, England, and later in Sussex, whence they came to America. They were descended from the old Auvergne family of Du Merle. Families of the same name are still to be found in that and other provinces of France, while the names Des Merles, Du Merles, Dumeril, and other forms are modifications of their patronymic. Their ancestral home in Auvergne was at Place de Dombes. In America, the family has supplied many Congregational and Methodist ministers of ability, as well as a number of men eminent in other spheres of life. Military heroes also are not lacking, as Sir Peter Merrill, of this family, and member of the British Army, was knighted in 1634, while a descendant of Nathaniel Merrill was a member of the State Legislature of Massachusetts, and captain of the military company raised in his own town for service in the Revolutionary War. This was Samuel Merrill, and his part in the war was an

active one, he taking part in the battles of Ticonderoga, and being present at the surrender of General Burgoyne. His son Jesse, then a boy of sixteen years, was a private in his father's company. After the war Samuel Merrill removed to Vermont, where he was also a member of the State Legislature, and prominent in public affairs. His son James, on leaving college, located in Philadelphia, where he became associated with the famous Thaddeus Stevens, and occupied a prominent place as member of the State bar. The marriage of Nathaniel Merrill probably took place in England, and the name of his wife was Susanna, but her family name is not known, although it is supposed to have been Willerton. He was the father of seven children, and his residence during his later years was at Newburyport, Mass., where he died March 16, 1665. The subsequent generations are, briefly, as follows: Abel, born 1654, and married Priscilla Chase; Abel, born 1671, and married Abigail Stevens; Abel, born 1698, and married Ruth Kelley; Stevens, born 1731, and married, first, Sarah Chase, second, Mary Noyes; Joseph, born 1764, and married Sarah Copp; Stevens, born 1790, and married Mehitabel Worthy Wells. The mother of Mrs. Foote was a member of the celebrated Wells family, so long known in the affairs of New England, and her great-grandfather, Samuel Wells, of Plymouth, N. H., was commander of the State militia. Mrs. Foote's father, Stevens Merrill, was sheriff of Grafton county, N. H., and Plymouth, that State, and later removed to Boston, where he engaged in the dry-goods business and also took up the brokerage business. He was attracted to California in 1849 upon the discovery of gold in that State, and was en-

gaged in mining operations there for several years, but in 1853 he returned East, and settled in Burlington, Iowa, where he died in 1863, in his seventy-sixth year. His wife, who was born at Plymouth, N. H., in 1797, died in Burlington, Jan. 12, 1886, aged eighty-eight years. Mrs. Foote, widow of our subject, was born at Plymouth, N. H., March 19, 1832, and received a good education in the public schools of Boston. She came to Burlington in 1854, at the age of twenty-one years, accompanying the other members of the family, which comprised six sons and four daughters, who grew to maturity. She was married to Mr. Foote, the year following her arrival in Burlington, and of their union were born three sons, two of whom died in infancy, while one, Graham Merrill, born in 1856, married Anna Joy, in 1880. He has one son, Graham M., Jr., born March 7, 1889, who survives. He was educated in the public schools of Burlington, and is now engaged very successfully in business at Long Beach, Cal.

Mr. Foote, on coming to Burlington, conducted a hardware store in the interest of his employers, but established an independent business, having enjoyed great success as manager. This enterprise he prosecuted with such effect as to raise himself to an important position in the commercial world of southeastern Iowa in a few years, and to it he gave close attention during the greater part of his active life, being engaged in the hardware business here for a period of thirty-three years in all. Outside this field of endeavor he was also active in almost every enterprise that held out a reasonable prospect of advancing the welfare of his adopted city. He was interested substantially in the building of its first railroad, the Burlington & Missouri River, and for a

time was treasurer of the company, while he was later a member of the board of directors of the Peoria & Oquawka Railroad Company, and of the directorate of the Carthage & Burlington Company. He was a promoter and director of the first company to run a telegraph wire into Burlington, thus bringing the business interests of the city into contact with the great financial and commercial centers of the East. In the world of finance his position was likewise one of undisputed supremacy, and he took a leading part in the organization of the First National Bank of Burlington, of which he was afterward a director and vice-president, and to his sponsorship and business ability this great institution doubtless owes much of the prestige which it enjoys to-day.

While Mr. Foote was very successful in the conduct of his private affairs, and pursued his object with a persistency of purpose which overcame all obstacles, he never forgot that he owed service to his State and his country, and throughout his whole mature life took a helpful part in the work of politics. Originally a Whig, he joined the Republican movement at its inception, and was one of the prominent organizers of that party in Iowa. In the fall of 1861, he was triumphantly elected, on the Republican ticket, to the Senate of the State of Iowa, as being best qualified in those troublous times to represent his district, and as one who, amid the excitement of civil war, might be relied on to act with calmness, integrity, and efficiency, and to cast the weight of his counsel and his vote on the side of right and justice at all times. The trust reposed in him by his fellow-citizens proved to be well placed, for he served as senator from 1862 to 1865, inclusive, with great honor to himself and to the highest satisfaction of his

constituency, and was able to procure much beneficial legislation. He was also chairman of a board of three commissioners for the construction of the capitol building of the State of Iowa, and the manner in which he discharged this great trust won general admiration. One who was long and intimately connected with the public business of the State and who is considered among the foremost authorities on the subject, says: "He (Mr. Foote) personally disbursed two million eight hundred seventy-six thousand three hundred dollars through a period of fourteen years, not a dollar of which money was misappropriated, and no breath of suspicion ever followed this large expenditure. It is quoted as a marvel of the times that the rigid, upright honesty of John G. Foote made it possible to get so great a structure built for such a price." Mr. Foote was also connected with Iowa politics by the marriage of his sister, Harriet Foote, fourth child of the family of which he was a member, to John H. Gear, in Burlington, Dec. 15, 1852. Mr. Gear enjoyed a national reputation, and his career, including his brilliant administration as governor of Iowa, is too well known to require extended mention in this article. Mrs. Gear was born Nov. 16, 1818, and was first married to Joseph C. Ketchum, at Middlebury, Vt., April 22, 1835. She has been spoken of as "one of Iowa's most remarkable women," while her wisdom and guidance were ever a great help to her distinguished husband, and much of the success of his career was doubtless due to her aid and advice.

During the later portion of his life, Mr. Foote retired from business and public activities, and gave his efforts in an increased measure to the work of the Christian faith, of which he was a devoted follower.

He became a member of the Congregational church in 1853, and was long a faithful and helpful laborer for its advancement, and for the success of its Sunday-school work, being for a long term of years a teacher in the Sunday-school. In this capacity he gave to those under his instruction the richest treasures from the storehouse of his mind, and many have had cause to remember his counsel with fondest gratitude. In the church he held the office of deacon for a long period. The place left vacant by his demise is now in a sense fully occupied by his widow, for she is a very active and influential member of the church. In 1865, Mr. Foote was a member of the national council of Congregational churches that met at Boston, and, standing around Plymouth Rock, where the ancestors of our subject had landed two and a half centuries before, joined in the Declaration of Faith which is now generally recognized as the highest and most enlightened and advanced expression of Christian faith and ecclesiastical order yet made by any large and deliberative body in the world. In 1867, he was elected a corporate member of the American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions, and gave his assistance and attention down to his eightieth year to the questions that have attended, and at times have embarrassed, its great and glorious work.

In his home, the life of Mr. Foote was ideal, for there love and cheer, fidelity and truth, ever reigned, and the spirit of his home he carried with him into the world of Christian work. It was his happy lot to be connected with many religious enterprises which still survive as monuments of his devotion and faith. He was one of the founders and original incorporators of the Chicago Theological Seminary, and a member

of its first board of directors. He was a lifelong supporter of the institution, obligations which he assumed in this connection having since his demise been met by his widow. He was an earnest student of the Scriptures, and was of a devout mind and spirit. He possessed a fine intelligence, a broad and comprehensive human charity, and a high and steady Christian character. He was universally esteemed and by many fondly beloved. He died March 4, 1896.

Mrs. Foote is a member of the First Congregational church of Burlington, of the Daughters of the Revolution, of the Young Women's Christian Association Auxiliary, a member of the missionary society of the church, and treasurer of the Ladies' Aid Society of Burlington Hospital. She is a lady of distinguished ability, and has long made her home the center of a cultured social circle.

JOHN C. FLEMING, M. D.

DR. JOHN C. FLEMING, a general medical practitioner of Burlington and local surgeon for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, was born in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, Nov. 24, 1848, and represents one of the old families of that locality. The founder of the family in America was the great-grandfather of Dr. Fleming, who died at sea, while on his way from the north of Ireland; but his family continued on their way to the New World, and established their home in Huntingdon county, where his descendants have since been found. James Fleming, father of Dr. Fleming, was a silk-knitter, employed in the mills

of Huntingdon county, where he spent his entire life.

Dr. Fleming, having acquired his preliminary education in the public schools, continued his studies at Tuscarora Academy, in Juniata county, Pennsylvania, and later he entered Kishacoquillis Seminary, in Mifflin county, Pennsylvania. He attended those institutions of learning through the summer months, and in the winter seasons engaged in teaching school, that he might secure the funds to meet the expenses of his own education. He was thus engaged until twenty-one years of age, when, having determined to make the practice of medicine his life work, he became a student in the office and under the direction of Dr. John McCullough, who planned his course of reading until he entered upon a course of lectures in Jefferson Medical College, at Philadelphia. On the completion of a three-years' course, he was graduated in 1871, with a class numbering one hundred and twenty-seven members. He then entered upon the active practice of medicine in the office with his former preceptor, remaining in the East until 1877, when he settled at Burlington, and has since followed his profession here with constantly growing success.

From 1880 until 1886 he served as county physician for Des Moines county, and for two years of that time was also city physician and health officer. About 1888 he was appointed local surgeon for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, and has since acted in that capacity. He is also examiner for the New York Life Insurance Company, and for a similar period, fifteen or twenty years, he has been thus connected with the Equitable

Life Assurance Society, of New York, and the Mutual Benefit Insurance Company, of New Jersey. He performs all this professional service in addition to the duties of a large general practice. He has never had a partner, and his success has come in direct recognition of his professional skill and ability, won through careful preliminary preparation and thorough investigation and broad study since leaving college. He keeps in touch with the advanced thought and improved methods of the profession, and has practiced along scientific lines, with the result that his labors have been most effective in checking the ravages of disease and alleviating human suffering. He has, too, the strictest regard for a high standard of professional ethics, and therefore commands the respect and confidence of his professional brethren. He belongs to the Des Moines Medical Society and the American Medical Association. In his political views and affiliations he is an independent Democrat.

In March, 1894, Dr. Fleming was married to Miss Ida Weber, a native of Burlington, and they have one son, John C., Jr. Readily received into cultured society circles, their own home is also noted for its generous and gracious hospitality.

WILLIAM W. COPELAND.

WILLIAM W. COPELAND, prominent in commercial, financial, and political circles of Burlington, has since 1887 been connected with the active business life of the city. This is an era in which the small tradesman plays very little part in the



William W. Copeland

public life of a community, for the traffic of the country is managed by large concerns, but the promising feature in the business conditions of the day is that the clerk of to-day may be the merchant of to-morrow, controlling interests of magnitude having important bearing upon the business life and prosperity of his community. Such has been the career of Mr. Copeland, whose foresight, sound judgment, and unfaltering enterprise have taken tangible form in his rise from a humble clerkship to the ownership of an extensive commission house.

Born in Mifflin, Juniata county, Pa., Oct. 7, 1856, he is a son of John M. and Katherine (Hartmann) Copeland. The family, of English lineage, was founded in Pennsylvania at an early day in its settlement, the grandfather, Willis Copeland, being one of the pioneers of that State. He spent his entire life there, following the occupation of farming, and John M. Copeland, the father, was born and reared in the Keystone State, still making his home in Mifflin, where for many years he has been employed as storekeeper by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. He served the Union cause in the Civil War, and gives his political allegiance to the Democratic party, by which he was elected to the office of treasurer for Juniata county in 1888. His wife, born in the same locality, is a daughter of William Hartmann, of German descent, and the family were members of the Lutheran church.

William W. Copeland was educated in the public schools of Mifflin, and was reared upon a farm, where he remained until sixteen years of age, when he ventured into the field of commercialism, se-

curing a position as clerk in a general store. His ready adaptability was soon manifest, and he eagerly availed himself of every opportunity to master the principles of mercantile life. When twenty-one years of age he engaged in business on his own account in Mifflin, Pa., purchasing a stock of new goods and opening a general merchandise store, in which he met with success from the beginning; but believing that there was a still wider field in the Middle West, he came to Burlington, Iowa, in 1887. For a short time he traveled for the Standard Oil Company, but soon engaged in the commission business in Burlington, under the firm name of Copeland & Martin, this relationship continuing until 1903, when Mr. Copeland purchased his partner's interest, becoming sole proprietor of a large fruit and commission business, hardly excelled in volume in the Middle West. His location is at the corner of Front and Valley Streets, where he occupies a large building, with railroad tracks passing in front, thus enabling him to unload direct from the car to the house. He carries on a wholesale business exclusively, and largely handles his goods in car-loads, receiving from and shipping to all parts of the United States. He employs a number of traveling men who sell to the trade in Iowa and adjoining States, and the business has been gradually expanded from a small nucleus to its present extensive proportions—this gratifying result being achieved through the ability and watchful care of Mr. Copeland.

Not confining his attention alone to the commission business, Mr. Copeland has become well known in financial circles in

connection with the Merchants National Bank, of which he has served as director for several years. He is also one of the founders of the Clinton Copeland Candy Company, which was incorporated in 1898, when he was elected its first president, in which position he has since served. This has likewise been a successful enterprise, and the company erected a commodious and well-equipped factory in 1905. Employment is furnished to about seventy-five people, and the business has become one of the leading manufacturing enterprises of Burlington.

Mr. Copeland is a leader in Republican circles, and yet is not a politician in the common acceptance of that term. Deeply interested in politics from the point of view of the business man and citizen, his opinions carry weight in the councils of the party. Despite his undoubted influence, he has never been a candidate for office here, although while in business at Mifflin, Pa., he was appointed postmaster at that place, his being one of the first appointments made during the Garfield administration, and held the office until the election of President Cleveland, when he resigned. On the organization of the Burlington Water Company in this city two directors were appointed by the mayor to represent the municipality in its board of directors, and Mr. Copeland was first appointed by a Democratic mayor to this position, which he now holds under a Republican incumbent. In 1903 he was elected a director of the Burlington Hospital, and on the expiration of his term was re-elected in 1905. His membership in the Commercial Exchange of Burlington dates from its organization, he having served for a time on its land site com-

mittee; and in February, 1905, he was elected its president. Fraternally, he is connected with Malta Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and is deeply interested in all that pertains to the material, political, social, and intellectual progress of his adopted city.

Mr. Copeland was married Dec. 25, 1879, to Miss Mary A. Miller, of Burlington, a daughter of Henry Miller. They have one son, John R. Copeland, who is now connected with the Clinton Copeland Candy Company. Mr. and Mrs. Copeland attend and support the Congregational church, of which Mrs. Copeland is a member, and they occupy a fine home at 405 South Tenth Street. It is such men as Mr. Copeland, men of strong intelligence and marked enterprise, that have made Burlington a commercial and industrial center of the Middle West, and as the architect of his own fortune he has also builded wisely and well.

WILLIAM FISCHER.

WILLIAM FISCHER, general merchant at Augusta, Des Moines county, Iowa, where he has been engaged in business since 1868, and where he has occupied the office of postmaster during the major portion of the time since 1878, is one of those indomitably courageous Americans who found in early poverty the stimulus to exertion and the starting point on the road to success. Of German nativity, Mr. Fischer was born March 13, 1836, at Limburg on the Lahn, in the dukedom of Nassau, now the province of Hesse-Nas-

sau, a son of George and Anna Marie (Koch) Fischer.

Mr. Fischer remained at home with his parents and attended school until he was fourteen years of age, when he went to Cologne on the Rhine to engage in learning the drug trade. There he remained, meantime utilizing his spare time to acquire a reading and writing knowledge of the English language, until the year 1854. He then decided to emigrate to the land of more abundant opportunity on this side the Atlantic, and taking passage at Antwerp, after a voyage of six weeks' duration he landed at New York. Thence he went to Buffalo and secured work in a butcher shop, where he continued until January, 1855, the date of his coming to Iowa. For a short time after his arrival in the West he stayed with relatives in Keokuk county, Iowa, but being eager to begin his active career, he went to Burlington in the spring and there secured a position as clerk, which he continued to hold until 1868, making many friends and establishing a reputation for efficiency and ability in practical affairs. As a young man he exercised constantly the virtues of care and economy, never throwing away the fruits of his labor in useless dissipation or pleasure, and thus in a few years he found himself the master of independent resources. In 1868 he came to Augusta, and with his earnings purchased an established mercantile business, in which he has ever since been engaged with excellent success.

At Burlington, in October, 1857, Mr. Fischer wedded Miss Mary Louise Brun, a native of Alsace-Lorraine, and to them were born seven children, of three of whom they were bereaved in the course

of a single week through the agency of the dread typhoid fever. One daughter and two sons grew to maturity. Louise, who married Charles Lauer, resides at Winfield, Iowa, and they have two children, Arnold and Ada. Edmund, who married Miss Agnes McKibbin, had his home in Nebraska, where his death occurred in 1895, he being survived by two children, Forest and Fay. Arnold, now residing in Denmark, Iowa, married Miss Margaret Gallagher, and they have three children, Mirl, Frieda, and Floyd. The mother of the family is now deceased, having died in 1896, and was buried in Aspen Grove cemetery in Burlington.

Mr. Fischer has since remarried, the date being Sept. 27, 1898, when he was united in bonds of holy matrimony to Miss Ida L. Kinzie. Mrs. Fischer was born in the village of South Augusta, Denmark township, Lee county, Iowa, in the year 1857, a daughter of Alexander and Emily (Shoester) Kinzie. She early received a good education, and for a time she was engaged in the work of the teaching profession, teaching two terms in the home school. At the expiration of that period she became a dressmaker, and this she continued until the time of her marriage. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kinzie, came to the West from Delaware county, Pennsylvania, in 1840, soon after their marriage, and immediately settled in Augusta township. Mr. Kinzie was comparatively wealthy at the time, but he invested in a flouring mill, which he located on the south side of the river; but this enterprise proved unsuccessful, and he lost a large part of the capital which his business ability had enabled him to acquire prior to that time.

At various times since 1808 Mr. Fischer has added to his property in Augusta, so that at the present time his material interests here are quite extensive. In 1877 he bought the old Moffett mill at this place, and conducted it for a period of twenty years, at the end of which time he tore down the building and disposed of the machinery. This institution played an important part in the early settlement of the West, being the first mill to be established within the borders of the present State of Iowa. A few years ago Mr. Fischer raised the old burr of the mill from the river bed, it being the first of the kind to be brought across the Mississippi River, and presented it to the trustees of Crapo park, at Burlington, where it may now be seen, a reminder of pioneer days and an evidence of commendable public spirit on the part of Mr. Fischer. This tendency on his part has been characteristic of him ever since his arrival in America. He became a naturalized citizen of the United States, and participated in the election in 1860, supporting the Republican ticket, headed by Abraham Lincoln; and even prior to that time he had taken an active part in politics, being a member of the Republican marching club in 1856, and taking an active share in the campaign for the election of John C. Fremont for the presidency. He has frequently served his party as delegate in county conventions, and his fellow-citizens early showed their appreciation of his services and his ability and integrity by electing him to the office of township clerk, in which he served for a number of years, or until the pressure of private business compelled him to refuse further honors. Fraternally, he is a mem-

ber of Hiram Lodge No. 7, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in which he has held the office of secretary, and also been active for the advancement of the local interests of the order.

Mr. Fischer's career is one full of lessons for struggling youth, for when he came to America as a young man he was entirely without means, except enough to supply the barest necessities for a short time; but by industry, honesty, and a right use of his natural ability he has risen to a position of prominence in the community, and achieved a business success of no small proportions. He deserves the highest praise for his resolution in pursuing for long years one un-deviating path of endeavor, and moreover he has won by his course the admiration and regard of a multitude of friends.

JOHN M. MERCER.

JOHN M. MERCER, practicing at the Burlington bar as the senior member of the well-known law firm of Mercer & Mercer, has not only attained prestige as an able representative of the legal fraternity, but also as one of the foremost representatives of Democracy in his district; and although his association with the party is not of as active a character as formerly, he is nevertheless a champion of the principles of Democracy, and has wielded a wide influence in political circles.

A native of Illinois, Mr. Mercer was born in Kewanee, Aug. 28, 1858. His father, William Mercer, was born in the parish of Dromore, County Down, Ireland, and came with his parents to America when about

twelve years of age, settling near Allegheny City, Pa. He afterward removed to Henry county, Illinois, where he grew to manhood upon his father's farm, situated at Virginia Grove, through which ran Indian Creek. Not desirous of making agricultural pursuits his life work, he learned the painter's trade in Allegheny City, Pa., and was afterward employed by the Burlington & Missouri Railroad Company, at Burlington, about 1867. He went to the West during the gold rush of 1863, and prospered during that trip. He spent about three years in the Pacific Coast country, being in the gold fields of California, Idaho, and Oregon. Then returning to Burlington, he continued to make his home in this city until his death, which occurred April 4, 1890. For some years he was at the head of the locomotive painting department of the Burlington Railroad, thus occupying a responsible position in connection with industrial interests in this city. He held membership in Washington Lodge, No. 1, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he was a past noble grand. In early manhood he married Sarah Chambers Miller, who was born near Downpatrick, in County Down, Ireland, and came to the United States when about thirteen years of age, and is now living in Burlington. They were the parents of eight children: William G., who has charge of the Buffington Wheel Works, at Burlington; Elizabeth Weede, the wife of W. H. Rhein, of Lander, Wyo.; Samuel Chambers, deceased; John M.; Charles and Laura, who have passed away; Margaret Jones, who has been a stenographer in the office of her brother John for twelve years; and Olive Ruth, who since her graduation has been a teacher in the North Oak public school of Burlington. The father and

mother were reared in the United Presbyterian church, but in later years, with all of their children excepting John M., became communicants of the Episcopal church.

In his youth John M. Mercer came with his parents to Burlington, where he was reared, and acquired his preliminary education through attendance at the public schools. He is also a graduate of the Allens Business College, and on completing his course there he entered the law office of Newman & Blake, under whose direction he did his preparatory reading, prior to entering the law department of the State University, from which he was graduated with the class of 1880, the degree of Bachelor of Law being then conferred upon him. In September of the same year he opened an office for practice in Burlington, and has since been a member of its legal fraternity, gaining the prominence that results from comprehensive understanding of the principles of jurisprudence, mastery of the salient points of a case, and the clear and forceful presentation of his cause before court or jury. He acted as private secretary to Judge Tracy for two years, while the latter was president of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad, during its construction in the Northwest. Later he formed a law partnership with Samuel K. Tracy, a son of Judge Tracy, who was general solicitor for the Burlington, Cedar Rapids, & Northern Railroad Company, and who was succeeded in the firm by George S. Tracy, which connection was maintained for several years under the style of Tracy & Mercer, the dissolution of the partnership occurring in 1891. In June, 1904, Mr. Mercer was joined in a partnership by his son, Herbert Miller Mercer, and the firm style is now

Mercer & Mercer. Their clientage is large and of an important character, and the demands which his professional duties make upon John M. Mercer leave him little leisure time for outside interests. He is professionally and financially interested in several leading enterprises of the city, being vice-president, solicitor, and a director in the Tabor-Burns Paper Box Company, and one of the incorporators, directors, and solicitors for the Evans Automatic Car Coupler Company, of Burlington, organized for the purpose of manufacturing an automatic coupler which is pronounced by experts the most practical coupler ever tested. The patents therefor have recently been issued and manufacture of the couplers will be proceeded with.

Mr. Mercer is a Democrat, and in former years was very active in the party councils. He served as clerk of Burlington township for four years, was surveyor of customs for four years under President Cleveland's first administration, city clerk for eight years, and city attorney for two years. In recent years he has not been active in the work of the party, his profession demanding all of his time and energies, and yet in the performance of his duties of citizenship he is never remiss, and labors earnestly and effectively for the welfare of his adopted city. Fraternally, he is connected with Iowa Camp, No. 98, Modern Woodmen of America, and has represented the local organization in both the State and national camps. He became a charter member when the camp was organized in Burlington in May, 1885, and was its first camp clerk; during the nine years last past he has acted in that capacity. He is also a member of the Royal Neighbors and the Fraternal Union, and was a charter member

of Lodge No. 89, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and a member of Flint Hills Lodge, No. 39, Knights of Pythias. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Baptist church. He served for five terms as moderator of the Baptist Association and for five consecutive terms as trustee and deacon of the Walnut Street Baptist church. He was also for many years a trustee and for several years secretary of the board of trustees of Burlington University, more recently known as Burlington Institute.

On Feb. 23, 1881, Mr. Mercer was married to Miss Jennie M. Bernard, a daughter of Cornelius and Martha M. (White) Bernard. Her father was one of the pioneer settlers of Des Moines county and a public-spirited man, who aided in the growth and development of the city, contributing largely to its material improvement. He helped in a financial way to develop the street railway system and the railroads leading out of the city to the north. Coming to the West from Vermont, he lived for many years in Burlington, one of its capitalists and leading men. His widow still survives him, and makes her home with her children. Mrs. Mercer was born and reared in Burlington, and is a member of the Stars and Stripes Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, being descended in the maternal line from five ancestors who fought in the war for independence.

Mr. and Mrs. Mercer have four children: Herbert Miller, Harry Bernard, Ralph Paul, and Jane Annette. The second and third sons are in the employ of the Tabor-Burns Paper Box Company, while the eldest son is practicing law with his father. He acquired his education in the Burlington public

schools, the Burlington Institute, and the State University, from the law department of which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Law in 1904. He is now the junior member of the law firm of Mercer & Mercer. This name has long figured prominently in connection with the legal records of the city, for John M. Mercer possesses the strong mental force, marked individuality, laudable ambition, and unswerving purpose which are ever concomitants of successful accomplishment.

EMIL G. BANDLEON.

EMIL G. BANDLEON, vice-president and secretary of the Wyman & Rand Company, is a notable example of a feature in the business world to-day,—that is, it is the young men who are at the head of the leading business concerns of the country, infusing their enterprise and energy into the commercial, industrial, and professional world, with the result that America has become a commercial center of the world. Mr. Bandleon is now active in the management of one of the leading mercantile houses of Burlington,—Wyman & Rand, Incorporated, wholesale and retail dealers in carpets, rugs, draperies, curtains, furniture, and china and glassware.

Emil G. Bandleon was born in Burlington, April 26, 1876, a son of George and Nancy (Pfister) Bandleon. The father was born in Heidenheim, Wurtemberg, Germany, and the mother's birthplace was also in that locality. The ancestry of the Bandleon family can be traced back to France, and the grandfather, after serving in the Napoleonic wars, went to Germany.

George Bandleon learned the cabinet-making trade in his native country, and after coming to America in 1855, he established his home in Burlington, Iowa, where he resumed his labors along that line. He had remained a resident of this city for some time when gold was discovered in California, but he did not tarry long after that, being among the first to go to the mines. He spent some years on the Pacific Coast, being quite successful in his search for gold, and then returned overland to Burlington, where he built what was later known as the Lower Town Brewery.

Entering into partnership with his half-brother, George Bosch, they began the operation of their plant, which stood at the intersection of what is now Angular and Main Streets. The firm soon secured a large trade and conducted a prosperous business until 1884, when the prohibition law of Iowa went into effect, and they discontinued their business, Mr. Bandleon retiring permanently, and throughout his remaining days enjoyed a well-merited rest. He died at the age of fifty-nine years, and is still survived by his wife. They had two children: Mattie, now the widow of Charles H. Wyman; and Emil G. The father was also interested in other business enterprises of the city, and his labors contributed to its industrial and commercial activity, as well as to his individual success.

Emil G. Bandleon was educated in the public schools of Burlington, being graduated from both the ward and high schools, while later he pursued a commercial course in Elliott's Business College. Shortly after the completion of his studies he entered the house of Wyman & Rand as assistant bookkeeper, later becoming head bookkeeper, and after the death of Charles Rand he pur-

chased his stock in the concern, and was elected vice-president, while subsequently he was also chosen secretary. He entered the firm in 1894. The business was established in 1852, and incorporated in 1903. They conduct a wholesale and retail trade in carpets and rugs, mattings, curtains, wall-paper, wood mantels, tiling, parquet flooring, furniture, and china and glassware at 313 to 317 Jefferson Street, and both departments of the business have a good patronage, so that the sales reach a large annual figure, and the stockholders receive a good return from their investment. The policy of the house is indicated by the prompt attention given orders, the courtesy shown to patrons, and the straightforward methods which characterize every trade relation.

Mr. Bandleon in his mercantile career displays the traits which are in keeping with the progressive spirit of modern business life, being watchful of every opportunity, and carefully considering every step made, that it may be one of advancement, bringing him continually nearer the goal of desired success. His political support is given the Republican party, and his social relations are indicated by his membership with Lodge No. 83, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Burlington Golf Club, and the Burlington Boating Association.

CASWELL HANNA.

To trace the genealogy of Mr. Hanna, and tell the story of his immediate and remote ancestors in their struggle with the hard conditions of life in the New World, would be in large measure to

write the history of the American people. The story of the hardy and fearless pioneers, who in the early days followed the westward-moving frontier of civilization, is an inspiring one, and the record of their achievements reveals the causes of our national greatness and power. On the paternal side, the first American ancestor of our subject was the grandfather, who emigrated from Ireland at a very early date, in company with his two brothers, and settled in the Carolinas. Thence he afterward removed to Indiana, and the original homestead which he purchased in Union county, that State, is now owned by his grandson, the farm being operated at the present time by a great-grandson.

His son, James Craig Hanna, father of Caswell Hanna, was born in the State of North Carolina, Oct. 19, 1793, removed to Union county, Indiana, at about eighteen years of age, and there remained until 1837, when he decided to try his fortune in the more remote West. In Indiana he did farming to some extent, but also conducted a grocery store, and was a stock-buyer, buying hogs and shipping to the Cincinnati market. On coming to Iowa, however, he purchased, in Augusta township, Des Moines county, the farm on which our subject now resides, and devoted his time exclusively to agriculture. He placed a portion of the land under cultivation, began the work of clearing away the forests, and erected a commodious log house, in which he established himself and family in circumstances of comparative comfort. There he resided until his death, which occurred at his home on Sept. 1, 1839, after a short illness of one week, which was the result of an injury accidentally received. He was a



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man of progressive tendencies, and in his political affiliations was a lifelong member of the Democracy.

While residing in Indiana, James Craig Hanna wedded Miss Eleanor Crawford, a member of one of the well-known old families of Virginia. She was born about fifteen miles from the city of Richmond, Va., on July 25, 1793, and resided at the place of birth until about fifteen years of age, at which time she removed with her parents to Indiana. It was in that State that she received her education, and there also she was married to Mr. Hanna. They were the parents of eight children, of whom our subject is the only one now living, as follows: Elizabeth A., born July 16, 1814; William C., born March 1, 1816; Phoebe, born Oct. 16, 1818; James L., born May 5, 1822; Mary Jane, born Nov. 13, 1824; Rebecca, born June 19, 1827; Sylvester, born Nov. 29, 1829; and Caswell, who is the youngest of the family. Eleanor Crawford Hanna was, during her early life, a member of the Presbyterian church, but there being no organization of that persuasion in Danville, she joined the Congregational society on her removal to Iowa. She died Nov. 11, 1856, and both she and her husband are buried in Blakeway cemetery, Augusta township. Mr. Hanna chose this place, and was the third man to be buried there.

Caswell Hanna, whose name lends title to the present review, was born Oct. 24, 1832, in Union county, Indiana, where he resided until his fifth year. He then removed with his parents to Iowa, arriving in Des Moines county in the month of November, 1837, and located on the farm which he still occupies. He received his first knowledge of books in the rural dis-

trict school near his home, the school being conducted in a log schoolhouse which his father had furnished the money to build. He was ambitious of still farther advancement along the paths of educational progress, however, and afterward pursued courses of study both at Davenport and at Mount Pleasant, thus acquiring an excellent preparation for the duties of active life. On the completion of his education he returned home and took charge of the farm, where he has ever since continued, with the exception of a brief period spent in Nebraska. His mother acted as his housekeeper until her demise, which occurred when he was twenty-four years of age. He engaged very successfully in general farming, and also to some extent in stock-raising. In fact, such was his success that he was enabled to erect a large and substantial dwelling-house, a large barn, and other necessary buildings, and moreover added one hundred and twenty acres to the farm. He himself purchased the home farm from the heirs, and with what he has added to this his holdings now aggregate two hundred and sixty-two acres of rich and productive agricultural lands located in Augusta and Danville townships.

On May 30, 1860, Mr. Hanna was united in marriage to Miss Frances Ellen Ainsworth, a daughter of Elijah and Electa (Fox) Ainsworth. The father of Mrs. Hanna was born in Minden, N. Y., whence he removed to Watertown, in the same State. In the latter place he resided for a number of years, but came West in the fall of 1846, and located at West Point, Lee county. In 1848 he removed to a farm near Augusta, Des Moines county, where he engaged in agricultural

pursuits until the time of his death, which occurred Aug. 30, 1864. His widow, who was born in Vermont, Dec. 11, 1812, survived him many years, and died March 6, 1891.

Mrs. Hanna is, like our subject, descended from old colonial ancestry, and her great-grandfather, Daniel Ainsworth, who was born at Woodstock, Conn., Oct. 21, 1724, served in the French and Indian War in 1758, under Col. John Murray, and later as a soldier of the Revolutionary War. He married, first, Sarah Bugbee, and for his second wife, Elizabeth Corbin, of Dudley, Mass. His death occurred in the year 1810, at Cherry Valley, N. Y. In the maternal line the great-grandfather of Mrs. Hanna was William Fox, who was born June 28, 1760, probably at Newburg, N. Y. When he was but two years of age his father died, and his mother returned with her two small boys to her native place, Woodstock, Conn. Although he was but little more than sixteen years old at the time of the revolt of the colonies from British rule, he enlisted in the Continental army, and bore a man's part as a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hanna have been born three children, as follows: Charles Henry, now engaged in the coal and ice business at Garden City, Kans., married Miss Minnie Roberts, of Missouri, and they have two children, Ross Elmo and Lola Helen; Emily, who is at home with her parents; and Willis Ross, who also resides at the parental home, and operates his father's large farm.

Mr. Hanna is eminently fitted by natural ability and educational advantages for leadership, and affairs of practical

politics have always absorbed a large proportion of his thought and activity. He is well known as a prominent and influential worker for the success of the Democratic party in Des Moines county; and such is the popularity he enjoys, and such the trust reposed in him by his fellow-citizens, that he has held public office continuously for more than half a century, or since he was twenty-one years of age, and it may be said in explanation of this remarkable record, that he has at all times justified the confidence of the people. For a long term of years he held the office of justice of the peace, and during that time it was universally recognized by his constituents that his rulings were dictated by a sense of absolute justice between man and man without regard to wealth or station. Since 1872, or for a period of thirty-three years, he has been district and township treasurer of the school board of Augusta township schools, as well as being elected to a number of other offices of trust, and has done much for the cause of education, in which he is a firm believer, regarding it as the basis of free institutions. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which for many years he held the office of trustee, and has ever been active in religious and humanitarian work. In politics he has always been on the side of protecting the purity of the ballot and safeguarding the popular liberties, and in religion his name is identified with liberal and charitable ideas and views. By reason of his long residence here, his well-known and varied abilities, his success in whatever he has attempted, his honorable share in advancing the moral, material, and spiritual welfare of his community,

his steadfast devotion to the cause of right and justice, and his admirable Christian character, he has become known, by reputation, at least, throughout Des Moines county, and enjoys amicable intercourse with a large number of friends, and is esteemed and respected wherever known.

James Lewis Hanna was born near Dunlapsville, Union county, Ind., May 5, 1822, and died at his home in Des Moines county, Iowa, Sept. 27, 1895, aged seventy-three years, four months, and twenty-two days.

He removed to Iowa with his father's family in September of 1837, and was united in marriage to Elizabeth Moore, Jan. 8, 1846. To this union were born five daughters and three sons, as follows: Mrs. Rebecca Phillips, who now resides at the old family home; Mrs. Frances Rhodes, of New London, Iowa; Mrs. Mary E. Alexander, now deceased; Mrs. Sadie Melcher, of Burlington; Dr. Harry Zaiser; J. M. Hanna, of Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. Bettie Cleaver, of Keokuk, Iowa; and Dr. W. B. Hanna, of Chicago, Ill.

It was forty-five years prior to his demise that he located on the farm which was the scene of that sad event. Had he lived until Jan. 8, 1896, he would have celebrated his fiftieth wedding anniversary. He was converted to the faith of Christianity at the watch-night meeting at Long Creek Methodist Episcopal church, and united with that church on Jan. 1, 1859, under the pastorate of Rev. J. G. Thompson, ever after continuing one of the faithful members until his death. He was always ready to advance

the true interests of the church by every means in his power, counted no self-sacrifice too great which contributed to that end. He was among the early pioneers of Danville township, and bore his part manfully and courageously in enduring the hardships incident to the settlement of a new country. He was a public-spirited man, with advanced ideas as to culture and education, earnestly seconding all early ambition in his children.

During the latter years of his life he was severely afflicted, and fully realized the uncertainty of life, always expressing his willingness to die when the time should come. Truly hath God taken home unto himself a good man. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. George Filmer, on Sept. 29, 1895, at Long Creek Methodist Episcopal church.

A very large number of old acquaintances, relatives and friends attended the funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Hanna at Long Creek church, at eleven o'clock, Thursday morning, Jan. 15, 1903. The services were conducted by Reverend Crull.

Elizabeth Moore was born near Moundsville, W. Va., the eldest child of Francis and Anna Moore. She came to Iowa in 1839, and was married to James Lewis Hanna Jan. 8, 1846. On the farm on which she died she lived for fifty-two years, dying Jan. 12, 1903, aged eighty-four years, two months, and twenty-six days. She was the mother of five daughters and three sons, and there were twenty grandchildren, sixteen of whom are still living, and three great-grandchildren. One brother, W. R. Moore, and two sisters, Mrs. Sarah Jester and Mrs. Maggie Parriott, survive her.

She was converted and united with the Methodist Episcopal church when fourteen years of age, and was a loyal, consistent member for seventy years. Until incapacitated by the infirmities of age, she was ever faithful in the discharge of her formal religious duties, considering it no sacrifice to deny herself that she might assist in advancing the mission of the church. She was a devoted mother, and always enjoyed the society of young people. As a neighbor she was most kind and helpful. She longed to go to her heavenly home, having the full assurance of a blessed entrance.

JOHN W. VAN OSDOL.

THE name which introduces this review is one well known to the citizens of Des Moines county, where he was born Jan. 20, 1844, being the son of William and Hannah (Banta) Van Osdol, both of whom were natives of Kentucky. The father was born in 1816, and was a miller by trade. When a boy, he emigrated to Indiana with his parents, settling in Switzerland county, where he grew to manhood, and where he was married. He came to Des Moines county at an early day, and purchased eighty acres of partly improved land in Section 4, Benton township, and there lived for six or eight years. Later he bought a farm in Franklin township, where he settled for a short time, and then purchased the site of the old Franklin Mills. He built the original mill, which was used as a sawmill, but afterward converted it into a flouring-mill, and there he lived, carrying on the business of milling until 1856.

After being engaged in the mercantile

business in Mt. Pleasant for four years, he bought a farm in Section 33, Benton township, where he lived till his death, which occurred Oct. 3, 1868. He was a public-spirited man, and was ever ready to do his duty in matters pertaining to the welfare of the community. Upon the death of Mr. Van Osdol, his widow removed to Mediapolis, where she resided for some twenty-four years, until her death in July, 1892, at the age of sixty-seven years, and was buried by the side of her husband in the cemetery at Franklin Mills.

They were the parents of twelve children, of whom ten are living; Mehala, widow of J. W. McDonald, resides in Mediapolis; Melissa, widow of J. W. King, and also a resident of Mediapolis; Martha, has been a teacher in the high school for many years; John W., our subject; Melinda, wife of T. S. Poole, a Methodist minister now located on Mt. Pleasant circuit, whose daughter Lydia is a missionary in India; Mary, wife of Nicholas Boyce, of Iowa City; Jane, wife of Henry Walker, of Mediapolis; Anna, now Mrs. Frank Corder, of Mediapolis; Minnie, the wife of Albert Hollinger, of Burlington, Iowa; and Birdie, who married John Piper, and lives in Mediapolis.

Our subject received his early education in the common schools of Franklin township and in the high school in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. Although only eighteen years old, on his country's call for preservation by her patriotic sons he enlisted, Aug. 10, 1862, in Company G, Twenty-fifth Regiment Iowa Volunteer Infantry, at Mt. Pleasant, and was discharged at Vicksburg in 1864, immediately re-enlisting in Company H, Forty-fifth Regiment Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He participated in the battles of Chickasaw Bayou, Arkansas Post, was also

at the famous siege of Vicksburg, and was honorably discharged at Keokuk, Iowa, in September, 1864. After his discharge he returned to the home of his father, who at that time resided in Benton township, and remained on the farm assisting his father three years; after which he went to Mediapolis, where he was engaged in the stock and grain business for four years, in partnership with his brother-in-law, J. W. McDonald, doing a successful business under the firm name of McDonald & Company. They erected a large elevator, which is still the only one in Mediapolis, and conducted an extensive and prosperous business. In 1876 they sold the elevator and business, and Mr. Van Osdol rented the farm of two hundred and eighty acres which he has now owned for several years, and which he bought in October, 1892. His farm is now all under cultivation, and he has made substantial improvements upon it, erecting a handsome two-story frame house, a commodious and modern barn, as well as other necessary buildings, and is now engaged in raising a high grade of hogs and cattle, besides carrying on general farming quite extensively.

Oct. 10, 1867, occurred the marriage of Mr. Van Osdol and Miss Lydia Poole, who was born in Benton township, on the farm which is now her home. She is the daughter of Robert and Lydia (Saddler) Poole. Her father was born in Clarke county, Ohio, Aug. 3, 1817, his parents being born in Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Poole were married in 1839, and in 1841 the young couple emigrated to Iowa, which was then only slightly improved. The land was unbroken, and fierce wolves and wild deer roamed over the prairie, while neighbors were far apart. They bought three hundred and sixty acres

of partly improved land, and erected a log cabin, in which they lived in true pioneer style for the next ten years, when Mr. Poole erected a large and handsome residence. Other improvements were made from year to year, and the farm was increased to four hundred acres.

It was upon this place that their six children were born, two of whom died in infancy. The others are: Nancy E., who married William Foster, of Mediapolis; Thomas S., educated in a private school in Burlington, and also in a commercial college in Chicago, now a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, stationed at Bentonsport, Iowa, being ordained in 1878; Lydia, wife of John Van Osdol, of this review; Eliza Josephine, wife of Samuel V. McCallister, of Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Poole retired from farming in 1881, and moved to Mediapolis, where he lived retired till his death, which occurred Sept. 6, 1894. Mrs. Poole died Jan. 27, 1896, and both were buried at Kossuth, Yellow Springs township. They were active Christians from early childhood, and took a prominent part in church and Sunday-school work, being for many years members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and active in organizing and building the church at Tama-town, Benton township. Mr. Poole was steward of the church for over forty years, and one of its most liberal supporters, and in 1884 was lay delegate to the Iowa annual conference. He was also justice of the peace for twenty years and township clerk for many terms. They were greatly comforted by seeing all of their children become Christian men and women, and happily situated in life.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Van Osdol were born three children, all living in Des Moines

county: Thomas O., was born in Benton township, June 21, 1868. He was educated in the common schools, finishing with two years at Mediapolis. He married Miss Mattie L. Walker, daughter of Isaac and Hannah (Friend) Walker, and they have four children, all born in Benton township: Alma, Mary, John, and Wren. They live on part of the home place, where he is engaged in farming. He is secretary of the Benton township school board. Nora M., married James R. Walker, son of Isaac and Hannah (Friend) Walker, and they also live on a part of Mr. Van Osdol's farm, and have had seven children: Jay, Rollie, Ralph, Dale, Thomas, deceased, Howard, deceased, as is also an unnamed infant. Zora M., is a member of the class of 1907, Iowa Wesleyan University at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

Mr. Van Osdol is a member of the Tamatown Methodist church, of Benton township, and has been one of the trustees for some years. In politics he gives allegiance to the Republican party, and has been the school treasurer for his district for eighteen years. The welfare of the township, the needs of the church, and the support of education are all subjects in which he is much interested. He is a man of broad and liberal views, and this, together with the upright moral life he has led, makes him of great value in the community, where his friends are without number.

FRANK M. SMITH.

As an eminently successful farmer and business man and a member of one of the older and better-known families of Des Moines county, Frank M. Smith oc-

cupies in the community a position of considerable prominence. He is now residing on his large farm of three hundred and twenty acres in Section 15, Pleasant Grove township, and besides the pursuit of agriculture is interested in a number of other prosperous enterprises. Mr. Smith was born in this township on March 20, 1848, a son of Andrew J. and Jane (Westfall) Smith. The father was a native of the Old Dominion, and was born in Washington county, that State, Dec. 28, 1811, first coming westward with his parents in 1817 and locating in Clarke county, Indiana. From Indiana he came to Des Moines county, Iowa, in 1843, arriving on the first day of May in that year, and settling in Pleasant Grove township. He was a poor man, his entire capital at that time being about sixteen dollars in money; but he secured work plowing up the virgin prairie for other settlers, and by strenuous effort soon placed himself upon an independent footing, besides liquidating some indebtedness which he had previously incurred.

A few years after his arrival in the State he purchased a farm of eighty acres in this township, and on April 18, 1847, he married Miss Westfall. A quick perception of opportunity and an unfailing attention to his work marked him in all that he did, and he rapidly achieved prosperity on a large scale. He increased his original purchase of land from time to time, and at one period was the owner of one thousand and three hundred acres in Des Moines county. His main interests were farming and the raising and feeding of cattle and high-grade stock. Hard and persistent work was the secret of his success. His education was rather limited.

and for the most part was obtained after he had reached manhood's estate, but by faithful application and the exercise of native ability he overcame this limitation.

Politically a Democrat, he was honored by election to the office of county supervisor, and also was for a number of years trustee of his township. He and his wife were supporters of the Universalist church, which they attended. His death occurred Dec. 16, 1903, in Pleasant Grove township, and interment was at Pleasant Grove cemetery. He was a man of fine, strong, and upright character, an excellent example of American manhood at its best, and enjoyed the general respect in a remarkable degree.

The mother of our subject was born in Alleghany county, New York, June 20, 1829, and in girlhood came with her parents to Iowa, where her father died when she was quite young. She was the mother of a large family, there being twelve children, all of whom still survive. She died at Yarmouth, Washington township, in 1895.

Mr. Smith, the subject of this memoir, received the advantage of a good training in the district schools of his native township, and on attaining his majority purchased one of his father's farms, consisting of eighty acres near Yarmouth, where he conducted operations in the line of general farming and stock-raising for four years, at the expiration of which period he disposed of his holding and removed to Page county, Iowa. At the latter place he remained for two years, and then returned to Pleasant Grove township, there purchasing a farm, which he conducted for four years. Later he purchased, and for four years farmed one

hundred and twenty acres of land in Keokuk county, and subsequently spent three very successful years on a farm of two hundred and ninety acres which he purchased in Jefferson county. Returning to Des Moines county, he purchased his present farm of three hundred and twenty acres, which has been the place of his residence continuously ever since, and although the land was at that time already partially improved, he has by constant care and the expenditure of much time, energy, money, and thought, succeeded in raising it far above its former condition, and made it a model of its class. He had the misfortune to lose the original residence building by fire, but this he has replaced with a large and substantial dwelling-house. Besides general farming he has given much attention to the raising of fine stock, making a specialty of Shorthorn cattle and Chester White hogs, for both of which his farm has become widely and justly celebrated. He also raises some fine sheep and Angora goats, having two hundred of the latter at the present time.

On Dec. 20, 1860, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Caroline P. Jones, who was born in St. Louis, Mo., a daughter of Edward and Mary A. (Justas) Jones. Mr. Jones, who was a farmer and millwright, came to Iowa about the year 1855, locating in Washington township, this county. He died there at a very advanced age, but his widow still survives at the age of eighty-eight years, and is residing in St. Louis. They were the parents of eight children. Mrs. Smith is now deceased, her death having occurred at the home in Pleasant Grove, Aug. 16, 1899. She is buried in Pleasant Grove

township. She was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, a woman of beautiful character, a devoted wife, and a loving mother, and in turn was beloved by all. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith were born four children, all born in Washington township, as follows: Albert J., now engaged in the hotel and livery business at Burnside, Ill., married Miss Ellen Wasson, at Pleasant Grove; Edward A., now residing on his farm in Pleasant Grove township, married Miss Elizabeth Wasson, daughter of A. J. Wasson, a pioneer settler of this township, and they had four children, Myrtle, Clarence, Leo, and one child which died in infancy; Mary J., wife of John F. Despain of Pleasant Grove township, has five children, Roy, Earl, Cecil, Ruby, and Gladdys; and Minnie, who married Thomas J. Lee, a farmer of Henry county, Iowa, and has two children, Francis and Mabel.

Mr. Smith has long taken part in public affairs as a leading member of the Democratic party, and has occupied the office of director of schools for the past seventeen years, being particularly interested in all that pertains to education, and believing that therein lies the chief security of popular liberties. Two years ago he was elected to the office of township trustee, which he still holds, and as one accustomed to the details of practical business his administration has been one of uniform efficiency. He is a director of the Henry County Telephone Company, holds the same office in the Yarmouth Mutual Telephone Company, and never refuses support to any worthy project looking toward furthering the best interests of the community in which his

career is being passed. Eminently conservative, he is nevertheless not inimical to progressive and liberal views, and his position is distinctly one of recognized leadership in many lines.

JOHN ROSS SUTHERLAND, D. D.

DR. JOHN ROSS SUTHERLAND, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Burlington since February, 1896, was born in Oxford county, Ontario, a son of Alexander Campbell and Margaret (Ross) Sutherland. His father was born in Sutherlandshire, Scotland, representing one of the oldest families of that land, the shire being named in honor of his ancestors. Earlier generations of the family became prominent in business and professional life. Alexander C. Sutherland was reared to manhood in his native country, and was there married, his wedding journey being a trip to Canada, where he settled, turning his attention to a general contracting business. He resided there until his death, becoming successful in business life and prominent in local political circles, being recognized as one of the leaders of the Conservative party. He did not seek office, however, but wielded a wide influence in matters affecting general welfare. An active member of the Presbyterian church, he served for many years as one of its elders. His death occurred in 1889, and his wife survived him for only a few hours, passing away on the night following his burial. They were the parents of seven children.

Dr. Sutherland acquired his early education in the schools of his native town, and prepared for college at the grammar school

in Woodstock, Ontario, subsequent to which time he matriculated in Knox College, Toronto, and later continued his studies in Toronto University. His preparation for the ministry was made as a student in Auburn Theological Seminary at Auburn, N. Y., and in the McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, Ill., following which he was ordained by the presbytery at Indianapolis, Ind. His first pastorate was at Grand Haven, Mich., where he remained for six years, his labors there being crowned with marked success, his church growing in numerical and spiritual strength. At one time eighty-seven people were received into the church as the result of special meetings held by Dr. Sutherland. At other times additions were made to the membership, and thus the church grew in strength and in the power of its influence.

On leaving Grand Haven Dr. Sutherland accepted a call from the First Presbyterian church at Jacksonville, Ill., to succeed Dr. Glover, who had been pastor for thirty-seven years. His services there covered four years, and during that time the church edifice was destroyed by fire, and he lost thereby his library and manuscripts. His congregation then worshiped with the Central church, of which Dr. Harsha was pastor. Dr. Harsha and Dr. Sutherland resigned their pastorates with the view to having the two churches unite, and the latter then accepted a call from the First church of Rockford, Ill. He went from that place after a successful pastorate of five years in response to a call from the Second Presbyterian church of Pittsburg, Pa., and in the latter city became prominent in a movement to consolidate the Second and Third churches under his pastorate. It was the intention of the amalgamated congregation

to occupy the Third church building and to sell the property of the Second church, the proceeds of the sale to be used as an endowment for institutional work. About fifty members of the Second church, however, opposed the movement on the ground that they were strong enough to maintain a separate church organization. The consolidation, however, was consummated; but those who were opposed presented a protest to the synod during the absence of Dr. Sutherland, and on learning of this, he resigned, although opposed in this step by the almost unanimous vote of his parishioners. He then supplied the pulpit of the Central Presbyterian church in Buffalo, N. Y., during the absence of its regular pastor in Europe, until called to Burlington, Iowa, as pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city. After his arrival here the First church building was partly destroyed by fire, and the edifice was rebuilt and redecorated. Other material improvements have been made, and the church has also grown spiritually, while the work has been carried on successfully in various lines of church activity. Dr. Sutherland has twice been a member of the general assembly, and is now a member of the special committee of the general assembly on ministerial sustentation. The degree of Doctor of Divinity was bestowed upon him by Wooster University of Ohio.

Dr. Sutherland has directed his efforts into the lecture field and the realms of literature. He has been a frequent contributor to magazines, and he is a member of the Victoria Institute, the philosophical society of Great Britain. He has also been a successful lecturer upon popular subjects. His writing embraces a wide range, his consideration being given to the great economic

and sociological problems as well as those which have direct bearing upon the church and its work. He has now under preparation a work on the Apocalypse, and he has delivered a course of lectures on that book.

Dr. Sutherland is identified with the Masonic fraternity as a member of King Solomon Lodge, No. 53, Free and Accepted Masons, which he joined at Woodstock, Ontario, but he has never taken an active part in its work. He was married to Miss Adelia Mathews Atkin, of New York City, and they have three living children: Mrs. Margaret J. Sprole, Florence M., and Frances G. Without invidious distinction Dr. Sutherland may be termed one of the leading divines of the Presbyterian denomination. His latent intellectual powers have been developed and strengthened in his study of the great questions which throughout the ages have had their effect upon human character and destiny. His broad humanitarianism has been manifest in ready sympathy for those who needed the aid and encouragement of their fellow-men.

DAVID HARRIS McKEE.

DAVID HARRIS McKEE, prominent in banking circles of Iowa, attaining prestige because of his close application, his thorough mastery of every detail of the business, and his recognition and utilization of opportunity, is now president of Danville State Savings Bank, of Danville; cashier of the Citizens' State Bank, of Mediapolis; bank examiner for the State of Iowa; and president of the Bankers' Association of the State. The honors which have been accorded him have been worthily won and worn, and he ranks to-day with the representative men of the Middle West whose enterprise

has been the resultant factor in the upbuilding of this section of the country. He was born Aug. 27, 1869, in Washington county, Iowa, his parents being Samuel E. and Hannah (Harris) McKee. He attended the public schools of his native county, and afterward pursued an academic course, which was completed by graduation with the class of 1888. His father was the founder of the institution in which he ended his school life.

After putting aside his text-books he engaged as a clerk in the Washington National Bank, with which he was identified for about seven years; and Jan. 1, 1896, came to the Citizens' State Bank, of Mediapolis, as cashier, being selected for the position by its founder, Mr. Thomas. He has since acted in that capacity, and the success of the institution is largely attributable to his efforts. The bank was organized in 1896 by John L. Thomas, who has since occupied the presidency, while the other officers are, Joseph Barton, vice-president; D. H. McKee, cashier; and M. U. Bridwell, assistant cashier. These gentlemen constitute the board of directors, together with S. J. Huston, J. L. Jones, John T. Beckman, Henry Breder, Herman Walker, August F. Peterson, O. F. Higbee, W. S. Husted, Herman Myers, and W. D. Hutchcroft. The statement of the condition of the Citizens' State Bank at the close of the business year ending Feb. 16, 1905, was as follows:—

Loans and Discounts.....	\$261,825.15
Overdrafts	1,645.72
Real Estate and Personal Property....	17,011.80
Cash Due from Banks.....	39,844.54
	\$320,327.21
Capital	\$50,000.00
Surplus	10,000.00
Undivided Profits	2,788.17
Dividends Unpaid	3,060.00
Deposits	254,479.04
	\$320,327.21

The following comparative statement, showing the increase in the following principal accounts of the bank, is an indication of its prosperity and of that of the community:—

MARCH 1, 1896.

Capital	\$25,000.00
Surplus and Profits.....	163.69
Deposits	14,882.65
Loans and Discounts.....	27,525.30

MARCH 1, 1898.

Capital	\$25,000.00
Surplus and Profits.....	3,465.73
Deposits	70,890.72
Loans and Discounts.....	78,152.97

MARCH 1, 1900.

Capital	\$25,000.00
Surplus and Profits.....	6,865.88
Deposits	103,548.92
Loans and Discounts.....	115,657.28

MARCH 1, 1902.

Capital	\$50,000.00
Surplus and Profits.....	7,784.39
Deposits	227,723.02
Loans and Discounts.....	227,103.73

MARCH 1, 1904.

Capital	\$50,000.00
Surplus and Profits.....	14,699.93
Deposits	229,771.04
Loans and Discounts.....	241,503.85

MARCH 1, 1905.

Capital	\$50,000.00
Surplus and Profits.....	20,678.95
Deposits	261,631.83
Loans and Discounts.....	276,683.14

Paid in dividends to stockholders during this period, \$20,462.00.

With ready recognition and utilization of opportunity, David H. McKee was the promoter and organizer of the Danville State Savings Bank, of which W. H. Hurlbut was chosen the first president; but in the second year Mr. McKee was elected president, and has since occupied that position, with J. H. Dodds as vice-president, and George H. Giese, Samuel Nau, A. P. Cald-

well, B. W. Shepherd, and Woods M. Irwin as directors. The organization took place in 1900, and the report of the bank at the close of business, March 31, 1905, was as follows:—

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts.....	\$144,707.60
Deposits in Banks.....	54,125.23
Real Estate	3,531.60
Cash	2,068.21
Expense	1,256.99
Overdrafts	381.37
	\$206,971.00

LIABILITIES.

Capital	\$12,000.00
Surplus	5,000.00
Profit and Loss, Interest, and Exchange	2,951.93
Cer. Demand	117.00
Deposits	186,902.07
	\$206,971.00

That Mr. McKee has been instrumental in organizing and promoting two of the strong financial concerns of eastern Iowa, brought to him the recognition and appreciation of other representatives of the same line of business activity, and led to his appointment as treasurer of the Iowa Bankers' Association in 1903. In 1904 he was chosen vice-president, and in June, 1905, he was elected to the presidency of the association. On Jan. 1, 1903, he was made State bank examiner, and is still filling that position.

In fraternal relations he is a Mason, having been identified with the lodge in Mediapolis since 1897. Perhaps no better indication of his character and standing in banking circles can be given than to quote from the pamphlet published by the Iowa Bankers' Association, June 15, 16, 1904. In the course of the meeting, when the election of officers was in process, Mr. Van Vechten, addressing the chair, said:—

"I desire to place in nomination one whom we know very well, and who is highly re-

garded by every member of the association, Mr. David H. McKee, of Mediapolis, who served us so efficiently as treasurer during the last year."

Mr. Bolch: "I desire to second the nomination."

Mr. Young: "I desire to say a word in seconding that nomination. The name of D. H. McKee is very pleasantly associated with my life as a banker. Like some others of you gray-haired men here, a part of my duties has been to educate into the banking business the boys of my town. Among them, a few years ago — and I won't tell how many, for you might then guess David's age — a white-haired boy applied for a position in the bank I have been connected with for many years. We gave him a minor position in that bank, which he filled so well that from day to day he advanced in his work, and came to be known by others as worthy of a better position than we gave him. They sought his services, and he has built up in an adjoining town a fine business, and has become, I can say, a fine banker. He has served you well as your treasurer. I feel I am a kind of father to Dave, and I could not refrain from asking the privilege of heartily seconding that nomination." (Applause.)

Mr. Jordan: "I move that the secretary be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of the association for Mr. McKee as our vice-president."

CHRIS MATHES.

THE important part which Chris Mathes has taken in advancing the material up-building and commercial progress of Burlington has made him one of the real up-

builders of the city, and his labors, both for the development of his private business interests and for the county's welfare, have been of such a character as to entitle him to distinction and honor. Few men have been so uniformly respected, and his closest friends are found among the leading business men and citizens of prominence in Burlington.

Mr. Mathes was born Aug. 31, 1833, in Ludwigshafen, on Bodensee, in Baden, Germany. His father, S. Mathes, was a prominent business man of that town, interested in a pottery. He was also a successful teacher, and filled the position of postmaster. He became actively involved in the revolution of 1848, speaking and writing in behalf of the cause of freedom as opposed to the practices of monarchical rule, and was recognized as a leader in the movement to secure greater liberties for the people. He came to America in 1849, but returned to Germany in 1850, and his death occurred there in 1863. His wife bore the maiden name of Julia Wiedenborn, and her death occurred in 1864. In their family were four sons and four daughters. Those now living in America are Otto Mathes, a resident of Burlington; and Mrs. Fackler, of Cincinnati, Ohio. (Otto died May 10, 1905.)

Chris Mathes, the youngest son of the family, attended the public schools, and also continued his studies under private instruction. His father was serving as postmaster of Ludwigshafen at the time of the revolution, and his son Chris was appointed postmaster at Engen March 1, 1849, and although only fifteen and a half years of age at the time, he successfully conducted the office till June 1, 1852, when he resigned to come to America. He successfully passed



CHRIS MATHES.

an examination which won him the place, and took charge of the office in a town of two thousand inhabitants, and also had charge of the mails for thirty-three villages, covering five rural mail routes. He discharged his duties in a most commendable manner from March, 1849, until June 1, 1852, when he came to the United States in order to avoid military service in the Fatherland. He came to this country with a brother and sister, taking passage on the sailing vessel, "Corinthian," bearing three masts. They were thirty-seven days in making the voyage from Havre, France, to New Orleans. Mr. Mathes brought with him a letter of recommendation to the German consul at New Orleans. He had intended remaining there, but on account of the yellow fever the consul advised him to go North, and he made his way up the river to St. Louis. He found that fever and ague there prevailed, and being unable to obtain employment he went to Alton, Ill. The Chicago & Alton Railroad was then being built. He worked in a general store there from Dec. 1, 1852, until March, 1853, for four dollars per month, after which he went to Cincinnati, Ohio; but again he was unsuccessful in his search for work, and he joined a brother in Buffalo, N. Y., where for a year he was employed in a grocery store. He was able to read and write the English language when he arrived in this country. Some of his relatives located in Cincinnati in 1854, and he joined them there, finding employment in a retail store and manufacturing drug house. He afterward traveled for a year in the West, Southwest, and North for a company engaged in the manufacture of pocketbooks and bank cases, carrying many samples, and he found that an enjoyable occupation, for he traveled

largely by water — on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers.

Mr. Mathes arrived in Burlington Oct. 12, 1857, and bought out a candle, lard, and oil factory, the firm of Hecker & Mathes succeeding that of Miller & Hageman. The business was thus continued for four years, when Mr. Mathes purchased his partner's interest, becoming owner at the time that President Lincoln was inaugurated, March 4, 1861. He continued business alone until 1880, being engaged in the manufacture of soap, lard, oil, and candles, at the corner of Osborn and Agency Streets, where now stands the hide house. In March, 1867, he suffered through fire and the reduction in market prices a loss of sixteen thousand dollars. The steaming factory and rendering establishment were completely destroyed, but with determined purpose he set about to retrieve his losses, and continued in business until 1900, although he discontinued his manufacturing interests in 1880. He did not close out his tallow and hide business, however, until 1900.

Many other business enterprises have felt the stimulus of the efforts and keen discernment of Mr. Mathes. In 1888 he turned his attention to the paving-brick business, being active in the organization of the Granite Brick Company, of which he was secretary, treasurer, and manager until 1902. In this enterprise he was associated with Charles Starker, E. Hageman, Carl Nies, C. Heil, W. W. Baldwin, and the company was incorporated for twenty-five thousand dollars. They manufactured paving brick exclusively, and Mr. Mathes sold his interest to the new company in 1902. In 1876 he became a partner of C. G. Ward, constituting the Silver Spring Mineral Water Company, Mr.

Mathes acting as bookkeeper and also as secretary and treasurer. In 1880 he purchased his partner's interest and reorganized the business under the name of C. Mathes & Brother. Five years later he bought his brother's interest and took his son, H. A. Mathes, into the business under the firm style of Mathes & Son. Since 1900 it has been carried on under the name of H. A. Mathes. For some years Mr. Mathes was also a director of the Iowa State Savings Bank. He has thus been the promoter of many leading enterprises which have contributed to the business development of the city.

In 1866 Mr. Mathes was one of the organizers of the German-American School Association, became a director, and was president for a number of years. This company conducted a school in Burlington, owning property at the corner of Seventh and Washington Streets, but when the public-school system of the city was improved, discontinued its school.

In 1868 Mr. Mathes was elected a member of the county board of supervisors for one term, doing much for public progress through the exercise of his official prerogatives. His incumbency in that position covered fifteen years, and from January, 1891, until January, 1905, he served as chairman of the county board, his course being eminently satisfactory to the entire county. He won high encomiums from Democrats and Republicans alike, for he never allowed partisan prejudice to interfere with the faithful performance of his duties. In 1892, under his regime, new county insane asylum and infirmary buildings were erected, at a cost of about fifteen thousand dollars, but these were destroyed by fire on the 15th of July, 1901. With the

exception of one shed all of the buildings were burned, twelve in number, including the barns as well as the house. In 1902 new buildings were erected, including the county asylum, infirmary, barns, and other out-buildings—a blacksmith shop, engine house, and others,—making in all twelve buildings. These buildings for the inmates are of stone and brick, lessening the liability of fire, and the cost of construction was seventy thousand dollars. The barns and ice-house are frame structures. Mr. Mathes was chairman of the board of supervisors at the time when all these improvements were made. During his incumbency over a hundred steel bridges were erected, together with a large number of stone culverts and arches. It was his plan to make improvements of a lasting and permanent character, and he thus did much for the county along the line of substantial improvement. In 1882 he served as alderman at large of Burlington. Mr. Mathes gave his political support to the Republican party until 1883, when the prohibition law went into effect and demoralized all the industries that he had fostered. He then joined the ranks of the Democracy, and has since been one of its advocates. He was nominated and elected to a position on the board of supervisors without his solicitation, and was re-elected again and again when other candidates on his ticket were defeated—a fact which indicated his personal popularity and showed the confidence reposed in him by his fellow townsmen. Again he was a candidate in 1904, but in that year, in the great Republican landslide, he was defeated, which has been a matter of uniform regret, expressed by Republicans as well as Democrats, for no county supervisor has done as much for the county

as did Mr. Mathes, whose first interest seemed always the welfare of the general public, and whose efforts were of a most practical and far-reaching character. He assisted in organizing, in 1897, the State Association of County Supervisors at Des Moines, and was its first president. In 1893 he organized the Board of Supervisors' Association of the First Congressional District, was its president the second year and again in 1903. He is now the oldest member of the board of supervisors of the State.

Mr. Mathes became a charter member of the Commercial Club upon its formation in 1888, and has since been identified therewith. He became one of the seventy-five charter members of the Crystal Lake Club, is now serving as one of its directors, and was vice-president for many years.

In Burlington, in 1859, Mr. Mathes was married to Miss Rosa Seibel, who was born in Germany and came to this city in 1857, her parents having previously died. They have two children: Herman A., the elder, is agent for the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Company at Burlington, and has his own bottling works. He married Miss Petty Heil, and they have a son, William A., who is with the Bicklen-Winzer Wholesale Grocery Company. The daughter, Otillie J., at home, was for several years chairman of the program committee of the Woman's Musical Club, of this city, which indicates her position in musical circles here. The family home is at 726 North Fourth Street, and was erected in 1871. Mr. Mathes is recognized as a man of unfaltering honor and integrity, who has a wide acquaintance in this city and throughout the State, and his friends are among the leading representatives of business and social circles in Des Moines county.

SURPRISED SUPERVISOR

Hon. Chris. Mathes Presented a Beautiful Loving Cup. A Token of the Appreciation of Long and Faithful Service. Judge Power Made Presentation.

One of the happiest incidents that has ever taken place within the grim walls of the county building occurred at eleven o'clock yesterday morning. The board of supervisors was busy at work, completing its labors and getting ready to make way for the new board, several of the new officials were patiently waiting to be sworn into office, the auditor was closing up his books, preparatory to handing them over to his successor, when Judge J. C. Power stepped into the office, followed by a delegation of perhaps fifteen or twenty, including a bunch of newspaper men and other good citizens. The judge begged to interrupt the proceedings of the board, and immediately addressed himself to the chairman and to the assemblage.

He said that all would agree with him that ours is the best country upon earth and that Iowa is the best State in the Union, and it is a matter easily demonstrated that Des Moines is the best county in the State. This, of course, she owes to the men who have made her what she is; and in no small degree to the men who have managed her public affairs. She has been singularly fortunate in selecting good, competent, and faithful men to manage her public affairs. It is always a credit to a man to fill an office in a manner that is for the best interests of his community, but it is more especially to be noted when a man virtually neglects his own affairs, in order to minister the public business, and when he does this in a manner that no reasonable man can find fault with.

Thus while we have had very many faithful officials, the services that the present chairman of the board of supervisors has rendered are simply unequalled. Judge Power spoke of the fact that although enormous sums of public money had passed through Mr. Mathes's hands, no one had ever accused him of having an itching palm, not the slightest suspicion ever having attached to his management of the finances of the county; he spoke of the great services that Mr. Mathes had rendered the county in actively furthering the cause of good roads, and of the changes worked in the county buildings, of the fine institution, which is a credit, not only to the county, but to the State. He referred to the fact that the man who looked after the business and the finances of the county with unceasing vigilance never forgot the poor and the unfortunate, and gave of his own and of his valuable time without stint to make the wards of the county happy. But valuable and varied as the services had been, which Mr. Mathes has rendered his county and his fellow-citizens, perhaps the greatest service that he has rendered has been to the generation who will be the voters and the office holders of to-morrow. He has shown them the worth of good, true, loyal, efficient, faithful service, and the appreciation shown him will not be lost upon them. "And now it becomes my most pleasant duty, Mr. Mathes, in the name of your many friends to ask you to accept this token of their appreciation of your faithful and untiring service; and when you have enjoyed a period of well-earned rest, perhaps to again take up the burdens and to assume the duties which you have discharged with such pains-taking care and such marked success."

The surprise was complete. Mr. Mathes had not the remotest idea what was desired of him, when the judge asked permission to break in upon the regular proceedings. He soon gathered himself together, however, and replied in a few words, coming from the heart. He accepted the gift in the spirit in which it was tendered, and deeply touched by the words of commendation from a political opponent, he was actually beginning to grow proud of his record. The judge replied that the sentiments were not his alone, although he shared them fully and completely, but virtually those of the community, and after a hearty hand-shake the ceremony was over, and the board resumed its deliberations.

The pretty keepsake consists of a three-handled solid silver loving cup, on a solid silver tray, and a large spoon. On the cup is engraved the following:—

TO HON. CHRIS. MATHES.

*In token of your long and faithful service,
to Des Moines County.*

YOUR FRIENDS.

January 2, 1905.

The platter is inscribed with the names of the following citizens, who had chosen this method of showing their appreciation of the valuable and unselfish services rendered the community by the Hon. Chris. Mathes:

Thos. Hedge, W. W. Baldwin, Lyman Edwards, J. L. Waite, Geo. S. Tracy, Carl Lohmann, H. C. Mohland, C. E. Perkins, Wm. Carson, W. P. Foster, Max E. Poppe, Strause Bros., A. C. Zaiser, C. C. Paule, E. Hagemann, Chas. Arniknecht, G. H. Higbee, John C. Power, Alex. Moir, F. O. Grandstaff, L. C. Gieseke, J. W. Blythe, Geo. C. Boesch, H. S. Rand, Theo. W. Kriechbaum, J. T. Remey, H. A. Leipziger, Thos. Stivers.

E. W. JOHNSON.

E. W. JOHNSON, postmaster of West Burlington, Iowa, a position which he has filled with honor and efficiency for a long term of years, is a representative of one of the older families of Des Moines county. He is the son of William Ferdinand Johnson, who was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, the son of Joshua and Sarah (Burbridge) Johnson. The father of our subject passed his early years in his native State, later, however, removing to Virginia, where he wedded Miss Isabel Parrott; and shortly after this event they decided to cast the hazard of their fortunes in the then new and undeveloped country known as the West. Pursuant to this project, they emigrated to Iowa, locating in Des Moines county, and in the year 1836 took up their residence in Flint River township, where, in association with his brother Washington, William Ferdinand Johnson entered a tract of government land, and this he owned during the remainder of his life. He was the father of ten children, whose names in the order of birth are as follows: Sarah Louisa, Luther B., Anna R., William R., John, Edgar W., Denton, Christopher, Susan B., and Mattie. The mother of this family died in 1863, and later Mr. Johnson remarried, his second union being with Miss Mary E. Burk; but of this marriage no children were born. As a man of public spirit he was an active worker in the ranks of the Republican party, and was an earnest and constant supporter of the cause of temperance, for which he accomplished much in the course of his long and useful life. At the same time his adherence to the principles of right in all fields of human relationship caused him to take a deep interest

in the cause of the church, he being a devout believer in the doctrines of Christianity and a helpful member of the Methodist Episcopal denomination. He appreciated the privileges of independence and freedom which belong to a frontiersman's life, and was known far and wide as a skilful woodsman and hunter — a character in which he formed relations of intimacy and friendship with all ranks and conditions of people throughout a large extent of territory, being everywhere honored for the simple and rugged virtues of his mode of life and thought. On the other hand his own home was always the scene of a large and lavish hospitality, for his disposition was pre-eminently social and charitable.

Edgar W. Johnson, the subject of this review, traces his lineage to a remote period in the past, and through his maternal great-grandmother Brown, whose maiden name was Ball, enjoys a not distant relationship with George Washington, father of American liberty. He is a native of Lincoln county, Missouri, of which place his parents were temporary residents during a period of two years, and there he was born Jan. 16, 1849, returning with his parents to Des Moines county, Iowa, where he received a good education in the public schools, as well as an excellent home training in the lessons of agricultural industry and in the principles of the religious faith of his parents. On leaving school he took up farming as a regular occupation, and this he pursued with great success for about twenty years; but in 1889 he sold his farm interests and removed to West Burlington, where he engaged in mercantile business, in which he has ever since continued; and in this latter work he has also reaped the full reward of industry, ability, and the conscien-

tious application of his powers to the work in hand. His political faith is that of the Republican party, and as a reward for his valuable services to that organization he was appointed in 1890 to the office of postmaster of the village under the administration of President Harrison, was reappointed under the administration of President McKinley, and has since continued to occupy the position to the general satisfaction of the community, giving to its duties the same careful attention and wise oversight that have made him so successful in his private business.

Mr. Johnson was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth J. Inghram, daughter of John and Sarah Ann (Delashmann) Inghram, and to them have been born three daughters and one son, all of whom are residents of West Burlington, as follows: Grace, wife of A. U. Winkler; Edna, wife of John Peoples; Mattie, wife of George C. Scholes; and Horace, who wedded Miss Agnes Johnson. Fraternally Mr. Johnson enjoys desirable connections, being a member of the Knights of Pythias and of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, through all the chairs of which latter organization he has passed; and politically he is known throughout Des Moines county as one of the leading Republicans of this section, while his high personal character has won a place for him in the esteem of his friends and the general public which is indeed enviable.

LOUIS WEINSTEIN.

LOUIS WEINSTEIN, of Burlington, who aided in shaping public thought and action in the State of Iowa, and left an indelible impress for good, was one of the ablest journalists of the Middle West. He was a

man of wide influence, yet he never used this to further his own ends. Through the columns of the *Hazek-Eye*, with which he was so long connected, he preached the gospel of hope and perseverance, of the power of labor and the possibility of accomplishment, and his own life was an exemplification of all these. Unconsciously to himself, he proved in his own life the value of the principles which he published, the force of the facts which he presented, and many there were who listened to his counsel and heeded his admonitions to their own betterment. His superior intellectual force, his genial manner, and clear presentation of his thoughts, made him a most delightful companion, and as the champion of many measures of direct and permanent benefit to the State, he proved so valuable a citizen that his death was deeply deplored throughout the commonwealth.

Louis Weinstein was born in Schwerin, Mecklenburg, Germany, Jan. 12, 1846, and in the schools of the Fatherland he acquired a good practical education that served as an excellent foundation for the superstructure of learning to which he constantly added as the years went by, and his reading embraced all the various lines of thought commanding public attention, as well as the classic literary productions of all the ages. He came to America at the age of sixteen years, and after being employed in a dry-goods store in New York for a time, he went to the South, where he maintained business connections until about 1870. Proceeding northward, he went to Omaha, Nebr., where he engaged in the dry-goods business on his own account; but, like thousands of others, met reverses during the wide-spread financial panic of 1873.

Not long afterward he came to Burling-

ton, making this city his permanent home. He arrived here in 1876, and was employed in Liebstandter's dry-goods store; but having a talent for newspaper work, he soon became editor of the *Iowa Tribune*, and in 1879 associated himself with Jacob Wohlwend in the publication of the German paper. Becoming traveling deputy in connection with the office of internal revenue collector, under John Burdette, then of the *Hawk-Eye*, his ability was recognized, and the position of managing editor of the paper was offered him and accepted. He acted in that capacity, to the material benefit of the paper, until he was stricken with locomotor ataxia, when he was forced to relinquish the business affairs of the office, but he never ceased his literary work and editorial writings until within a few days of his death. No greater valor or more stalwart heroism has been displayed on the field of battle or in the face of danger than was shown by Mr. Weinstein, when, under almost constant suffering, he continued his writing, preparing editorial after editorial for the paper, and discussing the great political and sociological problems claiming public attention. A noticeable feature of his writings was the note of hope and encouragement that pervaded it; there was never a pessimistic utterance or the least suggestion of doubt as to the ultimate triumph of all that works for permanent good. One of his associates on the *Hawk-Eye*, writing of him at the time of his death, said: "Mr. Weinstein was pre-eminently a journalist. He may have inherited some of his talent and passion for the profession, his father being one of the guild. He possessed the rare gift of being able to differ from others, to even administer very hard blows, and yet to keep his temper, and to arouse no lasting

ill-feeling or animosity in those who went down before him. He was broad, just, liberal, fair, and honorable. He could advocate a reform and carry a movement to success without appealing to the prejudices of his supporters or ruthlessly trampling upon those who differed from him. He could meet you in fair fight, and victor or defeated, would be happy to welcome you as a friend, to share his mental repasts, or, if need be, his last dollar with you. It is not belittling his magnificent gifts, his fine education, to say the most striking element of his newspaper life was industry, and the pages that he turned out in connection with journalism would form, not a respectable number of volumes, but a respectable library. He was a born politician. Had he devoted the same energy to furthering his own interests that he was ever ready to devote to the cause of his friends, greater honors and emoluments would have fallen to him.

Mr. Weinstein, however, filled some public positions, and the duties of these he discharged with the utmost fidelity and ability. It was inevitable that some public service should be asked, some honor bestowed, upon a man so eminently qualified. He was for two terms collector of internal revenue for the southern district of Iowa, receiving appointment under President Harrison's administration. He was for fourteen years a trustee of the Iowa School for the Deaf, at Council Bluffs, discharging his duties with satisfaction to the State officers and Legislature. He was largely instrumental in raising the standard of the school and promoting its efficiency; and when failing health prevented him from continuing his connection with the school, he maintained the deepest interest in its

work and progress, using his influence for its upbuilding. For many years he was also oil-inspector, continuing in that office up to the time of his death. He served as chairman of campaign committees, and his opinions carried weight in the councils of the Republican party. He was a close and discriminating student, and his analytical mind enabled him to understand with rare keenness of mental vision the value and possibilities of any political measure. His influence, perhaps, was exerted in a political way most widely through the columns of his paper, for his discussion of problems created widespread interest and discussion, and the seeds of truth thus sown often bore rich fruit.

Although leading a most busy life, Mr. Weinstein always found the opportunity to enrich his own mind by broad and varied reading, and was not only familiar with the classical in literature, but in other forms of art as well. His home became the center of a cultured society circle, men of intellect gathering there to discuss with him the leading questions of the day or the problems that literature has preserved to us. It would be difficult to name one man in Burlington who had more sincere friends, for those who knew him well regarded him with genuine affection. He was a gentleman and a scholar, devoted to the highest ideals, and of this class were his friends. He was, moreover, quick to recognize and appreciate all that is commendable in others; and although the demands upon his attention were many, he always found time for a hearty hand-shake and word of greeting for those who sought an audience with him.

To a man of strong mind, high purposes, lofty ideals, and with a clear understanding of the purposes of life, it was most natural

that his deepest interest centered in his home. He was married in 1880 to Miss Loui Lalk, and they had two children, Edward and Dora, who, with the wife, survive him. His first thought was for his family, and to them the richest elements of his character and the greatest depths of his tenderness were most often shown. With heroic effort he labored for the family and the age in which he lived, and his life, with its note of cheer and sympathy, as well as his writings, was a source of inspiration to those with whom he came in contact. Well might it be said of him, as of the Roman statesman of old:—

"His life was gentle, and the elements
So mixed in him that Nature might stand up
And say to all the world, 'This was a man.'"

HENRY THIE.

HENRY THIE, who now resides on his large and well-improved farm of one hundred acres in Franklin township, is a worthy representative of the sturdy German-American stock to which Des Moines county is so deeply indebted for her present-day prosperity. Although past the allotted mark of threescore years and ten, he is a strong, active man, taking part not only in the work of his own farm, but also retaining a deep interest in the affairs of the community.

Henry Thie, son of Henry and Louisa (Ellerhof) Thie, was born in Prussia, West Phalen, Germany, Feb. 18, 1834. There he received his education in the common schools. When he grew to manhood he was exempt from serving in the regular army of the Fatherland, not being accepted

on account of having a stiff finger. He was raised with a thorough practical knowledge of agriculture, and followed this occupation until he came to America, in 1857.

In this country he began to climb the ladder leading to success by working at first by the month on a farm, receiving seven dollars a month for his services. He worked in this way for about four and a half years, and rented farms for the next seven years. He was located for a time in Burlington township, and for three years in Union township. Through thrifty ways and careful management of farm affairs, he made such a success of these ventures that in 1869 he felt warranted in purchasing a farm of his own. He bought eighty acres in Section 26, Franklin township, the only improvement then on the place being an old log shanty. He lived in this for a year, then added one room, and made this his home for several years. Then he built his present comfortable residence, and has from time to time built a number of other commodious farm buildings, as they were needed, and has otherwise generally improved the place until it is one of the best equipped farm homes in the community.

In 1878 he bought eighteen acres of timber land, and has at other times added to his original holdings, until now he has one hundred acres after signing over sixty acres to one of his sons. His farm is unusually well stocked with fruit, as he has set out about one hundred fruit trees, besides a fine vineyard of about two hundred stocks. Water is furnished for the farm by a good wind pump, and the conveniences of the farm are such as to make it a most desirable home.

Feb. 25, 1862, Mr. Thie was united in marriage to Miss Christina Distelhorst,

daughter of Charles and Christina (Diercks) Distelhorst. She was also a native of West Phalen, Germany, being born there May 17, 1843, and coming to America when she was only two years of age. They became the parents of eight children, of whom seven are still living. The children are as follows: Henry, Charles, William, and John are located near Mediapolis, Yellow Springs township; Fred lives next to his father; Herman and Louisa are at home; Edward died in 1880, aged about two years.

Mrs. Thie died June 17, 1905, aged sixty-two years and one month. She was an earnest Christian woman, a faithful wife, and a loving mother, and she left a place in the home circle that can never be filled, the memory of her loving kindnesses and her unselfish acts of service remaining in the hearts of husband and children like a benediction.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Thie were members of the Evangelical church. Mr. Thie was baptized in this faith in Germany, and has been a member ever since coming to America. He is now president of the organization, having held that office for many years. In his political belief, Mr. Thie is an adherent of the Republican party, and is a trusted counselor in the assemblies of the party, always standing for the best interests of the entire community, as he sees them. That he enjoys the confidence of the neighborhood, is evidenced by the fact that the citizens of his township have repeatedly bestowed upon him the highest honor in their power to give, by electing him trustee of the township. The first time that he was thus honored, he was elected for two consecutive terms, but resigned during the second term, serving two

years. Later he was again elected to this same office, and after serving two years was elected to the office of county supervisor, being elected in 1903, and still serving in this capacity.

Aside from farming, Mr. Thie has never been identified with any business except during two winters, when he, with a cousin, was engaged in work in a pork house; but that he has undoubted business talent and sagacity of a high degree is amply proved by the success he has made of all his ventures in connection with his farm, as well as by the unqualified success that he has made of the affairs of the township that have come under his supervision during the years he has served the public as trustee and as supervisor. He is a man who has won success not only in a material sense, but also in the better sense, in that he has won and well merited the confidence and respect of all with whom he has come in contact in the various relations of life.

WILLIAM HENRY MOREHOUSE.

WILLIAM HENRY MOREHOUSE, in whose life record there is much that is worthy of the closest and most reverent emulation, and whose memory is dear to the large circle of friends who knew and honored him during his active life, was born Jan. 10, 1832, in Saratoga county, New York. Entering the public schools of his native State, he laid there the foundation of his education; but most of his youth and all the years of his early manhood were spent in the West, for in 1846 he removed to Illinois, locating in Kane county. It was in Kane county

that he was united in marriage, in 1859, to Miss Minerva A. McArthur, and the same year he united with the Baptist church, a connection which he faithfully maintained until his death. In Illinois he engaged successfully in the pursuit of agriculture until 1861, when he went to Ottumwa, Iowa, to act as agent for the American Express Company, continuing in that position for some years. Later he went to Janesville, Bremer county, Iowa, and embarked in a mercantile enterprise, for which he was well fitted by his marked aptitude and ability for the conduct of practical affairs, which he possessed in a remarkable degree. The qualities of determination and self-reliance, which had stood him in such good stead during the earlier years of his independent career, now brought him success in this new venture, resulting in a prosperity that was in some sense commensurate with his merits, great as these were. Two years subsequent to the holding of the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia, which Mr. and Mrs. Morehouse attended, they removed to Burlington, where they built a pleasant and commodious home at 523 South Garfield Avenue, still occupied as her residence by Mrs. Morehouse.

Although Mr. Morehouse always maintained a home in Burlington after removing to this city, and was intimately connected with the advancement of Burlington in many lines of progress, he was interested in many outside enterprises, notably the Bank of Brookings, at Brookings, S. Dak., which he established about the year 1883 with a paid-up capital of \$30,000, he becoming president of the institution, and his brother, George Morehouse, cashier. It may be said with truth that to his intelligent and careful supervision and direction the bank

principally owed its success, together with the vital force which his strong personality infused into the workings of all its departments; for he possessed the rare gift of being able to impart to his subordinates the effective and triumphant energy which so strongly marked his own career. He was also treasurer, cashier, and member of the board of directors of the Home Life Association, a company of which a brother of Mrs. Morehouse, M. C. McArthur, was for several years president.

The wife of our subject was born in Dryden, Tompkins county, N. Y., in 1837, and both her parents dying when she was yet quite young, she came West with her two brothers at the age of seventeen years, making her home in Kane county, Ill., where she was a teacher in the public schools until the time of her marriage. She is a woman of unusual ability, and despite advancing years she still retains that freshness and buoyancy of mind and spirit which are the invariable accompaniments of true culture. Mrs. Morehouse has one sister, Mrs. Lydia Repass, who makes her home with her, and who, with her husband, came to Burlington at about the same date as did Mr. and Mrs. Morehouse, the husband's death occurring in Burlington in 1878. One son, M. A. Repass, is a resident of Fremont, Nebr., while a granddaughter, Mrs. William Henry Plock, resides in this city. No children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Morehouse, but they early took under their care and reared Edwin M., son of the Reverend Doctor Hurd, of the Baptist church, giving him a father's and mother's affection and the advantage of a good education in public school and business college. He was for seven or eight years bookkeeper in a bank at Denver,

Colo., and later became manager of the Overland Cotton Mills at Denver, but is now in charge of a banking institution in Arizona. He married Miss Zora Fink.

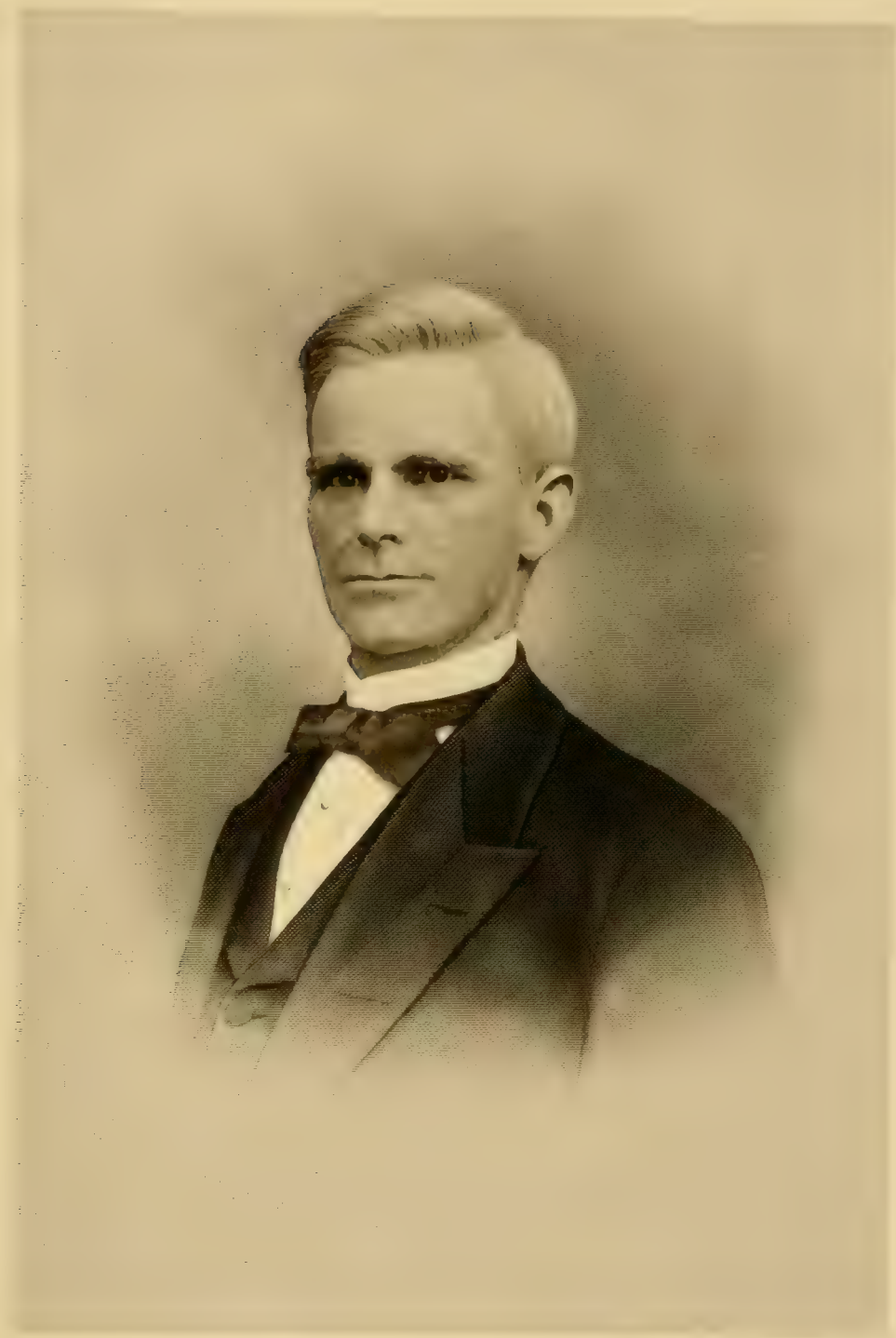
Too much can not be said of the man whose life forms the subject of this review. Selfishness was a thing unknown to him, and his constant thought and care were occupied in doing good to others. Although a lifelong member of a political party, the Republican, and in a position to command much of its influence for his own benefit had he so desired, he never cared for the personal honor of public office, and largely devoted his life to Christian work, in and out of the church, carrying always in his heart the most absolute and trusting faith in the humble and self-sacrificing Christ, whom he sought to the best of his ability to make the criterion of his earthly existence. Pre-eminently religious, he was at the same time a patriotic citizen, a loyal-hearted friend, and a noble example of true manhood. His interest in church work was perennial, and he held the office of treasurer of the First Baptist church, was a member of its official board, and was a member of the building committee which erected the present magnificent structure. He was also one of the official board of the Baptist College of Burlington, in the welfare of which he was deeply interested. In his fraternal connection he was long an active member and worker in the Masonic order, in which his loss was deeply deplored. He died at the Homeopathic Hospital, Chicago, on Monday, June 17, 1901, and his funeral services were conducted at the home on Wednesday, June 19, by his old pastor, Rev. Euclid B. Rogers, of Springfield, Ill., the ceremonies being in charge of the Knights Templar, of which

he was an honored member. Interment was in the Aspen Grove cemetery. Mr. Morehouse was above all else domestic in his preferences, devoting his spare time to his home and the companion of his joys and sorrows, and her memories of him remain as a precious and beautiful possession. To him belonged many sterling traits of character, and his high moral sense, his unflinching integrity, and his broad sympathy won him unqualified confidence and the deepest regard of all. His kindly spirit and genial disposition brought him friends, and he had the happy faculty of drawing them closer to him as the years went by.

HON. SILAS A. HUDSON.

HON. SILAS A. HUDSON, deceased, who was one of the pioneer settlers of Des Moines county, and became a man of decisive character, serving as minister to Central America, and exerting no unimportant influence upon the people with whom he came in contact, was born in Mason county, Kentucky, Dec. 13, 1815. His father, Bailey Washington Hudson, was a native of Fauquier county, Virginia, born April 15, 1782. He was descended from one of the old families of England that was established in Virginia in colonial days. He served with distinction in the War of 1812, participating under General Harrison in the battles of Tippecanoe, the River Raisin, and the Thames. He and his brother Samuel had previously settled in Mason county, Kentucky, where they jointly purchased seven hundred and sixty acres of land, known as the family homestead. There Bailey W. Hudson married Miss

Susan A. Grant, a sister of Jesse R. and a daughter of Noah Grant. The last named, one of the patriots of New England, belonged to the party of seventeen men who, disguised as Indians, threw the tea overboard in Boston harbor, and thus instituted what has since been known in history as the Boston tea-party. Several years after his marriage Mr. Hudson entered into partnership with Noah Grant, Jr., his brother-in-law, under the firm style of Noah Grant & Company, and they conducted one of the leading mercantile enterprises of Maysville, Ky. Mr. and Mrs. Hudson became the parents of seven children: Silas A.; Noah Grant, born June 23, 1817; John V., born July 2, 1819; Frances A., March 20, 1821; Walter Warder, June 11, 1823; and Peter Todd, Oct. 26, 1825. The two last named were among the early settlers of Burlington, and aided in molding the pioneer history of this part of the State. Walter W. Hudson came to Burlington with his brother Silas in 1839. He was a soldier of the Mexican War, serving with the Fifteenth Regiment under Colonel Howard, and he participated in the engagements at National Bridge, Pueblo, Churubusco, Molino del Rey, and Chapultepec. At the last named he was the first to carry the flag over the walls, and the lone Iowa Company was given the credit of running up the first United States flag over Chapultepec and garrisoning the fort. Following the close of the Mexican War, and upon the commendation of Colonel Howard, Walter W. Hudson was appointed a lieutenant of the First United States Regular Infantry by President Polk. He was then sent to the Rio Grande, where he had charge of the troops that were protecting the line of forts then being built along the frontier. In an engagement with



Silas A. Hudson

the Indians he was wounded at Fort Hudson (which had been named in his honor), and he died at McIntosh near Lorado, Texas, April 9, 1850. In his death the United States Army lost one of its most promising, energetic, and efficient officers. Peter Todd Hudson came to Burlington in 1845, and made his home with his brother Silas until after the discovery of gold in California, when, hoping to realize a fortune in the mines on the Pacific Coast, his brother fitted him out with teams and sufficient means to go to the far West. He remained for two years, taking advantage of various business opportunities, and then because of failing health he returned to Burlington. In 1857 Silas A. Hudson sent him to Denver, Colo., where he opened a supply store, being one of the first settlers in that place. He was among the discoverers and aided in the early development of the mines at Breckenridge, and in fact was the founder of that place, naming it in honor of J. C. Breckenridge, a personal friend of the Hudson family. During the first year of the war of the rebellion he was driven away by the Indians, and he returned to Burlington to join General Grant's staff. He entered the service with the rank of captain, and was subsequently promoted to that of lieutenant-colonel. He served with General Grant, taking part in all the battles fought by that intrepid commander, from Vicksburg to Appomattox, and was offered by General Grant the position of senior major in the regular army, but declined to accept this military position. He remained on General Grant's staff until 1867, when he resigned and went to California, where he was engaged in the stock business. He was afterward offered by General Grant the office of United States marshal of Cali-

fornia, but also declined to serve in that capacity. He is now living in Colusa county, California.

Silas A. Hudson acquired a liberal education in the Maysville Academy, at Maysville, Ky., and largely supplemented his intellectual training by private study. Through travel he gained the culture and knowledge which can be obtained in no other way. He left home when seventeen years of age, and spent the succeeding year in travel, visiting the leading cities of America. He first visited Burlington in 1837, and also touched at other points on the Mississippi River, but returned to St. Louis, where he continued to reside until 1839, after which he made a permanent settlement in Des Moines county. He purchased a lot on Jefferson Street in Burlington, and in 1840 erected two brick houses, which at that time were superior to any dwelling of the city. Becoming a factor in mercantile circles, he engaged in the stove, tin, and hardware business, with which he was identified for more than twenty years, having a large jobbing trade and also conducting a number of branch houses in other Western towns. He possessed marked business capacity, unfaltering energy, and with keen foresight understood the conditions of the West and its probable development, which enabled him to anticipate future needs and to meet them in a manner that resulted beneficially to his community, and at the same time brought him desirable prosperity. Thus he contributed to the material welfare of the localities with which he was connected in mercantile lines, but he probably became best known through his activity in political work.

From his youth Mr. Hudson was deeply interested in the question of politics, and

read everything that he could find bearing upon such subjects, so that when he reached manhood he was well informed concerning the political history of his country, and had intimate knowledge of the leading questions of the day, as well as of the careers and records of all of the prominent public men. The first national election in which he took part was in the presidential campaign of 1836, when he gave his support to General Harrison, casting his first ballot at Louisville, Ky. He was an ardent supporter of the Whig party, and after his arrival at Burlington he wrote the call that organized the Whig party in this territory, giving his support to its nominees during the existence of that great political organization.

Mr. Hudson left his impress upon the political history of Iowa, being very influential in her affairs. He was clerk of the Territorial Legislature and also first chief clerk of the House in the State organization. During the legislative session of 1842-43 the territorial laws were revised by the general assembly, and in this work Mr. Hudson largely assisted, as he did when the laws were again revised in 1846-47, being adapted to the State organization. In 1862 he rendered valuable service because of his intimate knowledge of the needs and conditions of the commonwealth. He was the author of the city charter of Burlington and its principal ordinances under which the city was governed for more than thirty years, preparing these documents in 1845. He used the charter and ordinances of the city of Cincinnati as a basis upon which to work, and the papers were so correct as to construction and so adequate to the city's needs that there was no change made in three decades. In community affairs Mr.

Hudson was actively interested, holding many important offices. He was a member of the city council for fourteen years, and was mayor of Burlington in 1855-56, holding that position at the time the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad was constructed to this city. He was also acting mayor during the two previous terms. He filled a number of minor offices, serving for some time as a member of the school board. At the time of the establishment of the *New York Tribune* Mr. Hudson became one of its subscribers, and for more than twenty years was an influential and valued contributor to its columns, as he was also to the *Louisville Journal*, its editor being George D. Prentice. He was from early life an intimate friend of Abraham Lincoln; and, recognizing his great qualities, he became a champion of his cause in connection with the presidency when the subject of the choice of a candidate was being discussed by the people in 1860. He used the columns of these influential journals to bring the name of Lincoln prominently before the public, and in connection with Horace Greeley he arranged to have Mr. Lincoln go to New York, where he made the great speech that so seriously hurt Mr. Seward's chance for the presidency. Mr. Hudson was also instrumental in having Mr. Lincoln come to Burlington, where he was listened to by many citizens who still reside here. This was the only time that the martyred president ever spoke in this city, and his subsequent election and re-election were largely aided by the voice and pen of his old friend. The cordial relation existing between them was never interrupted until the assassin did his deadly work and the nation mourned a martyred president.

Mr. Hudson was always a staunch friend and admirer of General Grant, who was an own cousin, and with whom he had been in a measure in close relationship in his youth, each living at different periods at the home of the other. Naturally Mr. Hudson was an ardent supporter of the war, and was among the first to take an active and prominent part in raising and forwarding troops. During the war he spent a part of the time in the field with General Grant, and at the siege of Vicksburg he had a narrow escape. Raising his head above the breastworks, several rebel bullets instantly whistled about his head, one cutting a crease in his scalp; and because of his injury he was almost a constant sufferer afterward. He never wavered in his allegiance to the Union cause until its preservation was an established fact. Outside of offices connected with the municipal government he did not seek political prominence, yet in March, 1869, he was appointed by President Grant to the position of United States minister to Central America. On that mission he was eminently successful. Previous to his residence there the commerce between the United States and Central America was very limited. He devoted himself to increasing the trade with the states there, and soon after his arrival he arranged for the landing of the vessels of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, running between San Francisco and Panama. According to the terms of the treaty these were to stop at five ports of Central America. These and other means which he employed led largely to diverting the trade of Central America to this country, and the immense commerce which succeeded was the legitimate outgrowth of his efforts. He not only rendered valuable service to the United

States during his ministry, but also did able work for the people of Central America as well. That country was in a state of constant revolution at the time, and the friendly offices of the legation were being constantly employed in behalf of foreign residents coming under the displeasure of the government. The creditable manner in which his services were rendered to all parties led to the government's consenting that he should represent foreign residents in Central America. In this way he represented nine different nationalities, including Switzerland, which country has ever since confided to the American ministry, elsewhere as well as in Central America, the protection of her citizens abroad.

In 1871, after five successive battles, the rebels won their way to the city of Guatemala, and demanded its surrender. On this occasion the government placed Mr. Hudson at the head of a commission, investing him with the power to treat with the rebel general and his forces for a change of government, and this commission was successfully concluded. Owing to the bitter opposition of General Barrios, second in command, the commission met with almost total failure. The bloody-minded half-breed chief had enlisted and led the advance columns, and held them under promise that the plunder of the city should be given up to them for their services, and he would listen to no other terms. When the commission had advanced within about a furlong of the rebel forces, they were met and halted by the officer commanding, and informed by him that he was ordered to turn back all parties seeking personal interviews with the general-in-chief, and to fire upon them if they refused. Mr. Hudson stated to him the object of the commission;

that it was made up of the representatives of friendly powers, and that in their quality as such they could accept no such answer, especially from a lesser officer than the general-in-chief: that the commission expected, and would give him a reasonable time to furnish, a fitting escort to the camp of the general-in-chief, and should he fail to do so they would undertake to find their way unaided. After much parley with him by others, and no movement being made toward providing an escort, Mr. Hudson, announcing his purpose, and accompanied by the United States consul, rode forward, while all the others sought cover outside the sweep of the battery planted in front of them. They were allowed to approach within forty or fifty yards of the guns, while every demonstration of a purpose to fire upon them was being made. At length the commander ordered the gunners not to fire, and came forward, meeting Mr. Hudson and his companion, declaring that he could not execute the order, and that he would furnish an escort as requested and go with them himself to insure their safety and freedom from unpleasant stoppages. Here they were again joined by their colleagues. Mr. Hudson afterward learned that this officer was a nephew of General Granados, the rebel commander, and that in employing the friendly offices of the United States legation in behalf of political suspects a short time before he had secured the release of his brother, who had been condemned to be shot as a spy, and that this brother was present with the commander, pleading with him in Mr. Hudson's behalf until he was successful in his attempt to have the life of Mr. Hudson spared.

In company with both parties they proceeded to the camp of General Granados,

reaching there about 10 p. m. The greater part of the night was spent in arranging the terms by which the personnel of the government could be changed peacefully and further loss of life and property be avoided, and not offend the mercenary Barrios and his followers. By the terms of the compact the rebel troops were commanded to stack their arms four miles outside of the city, which they did to the number of about twenty-four thousand, and to enter Guatemala as private citizens. The next morning at ten o'clock they met on the government plaza and elected, *viva voce*, General Granados provisional president: who, as such, by the terms of the treaty was required and did issue writs of election to the several departments for the election of new members of congress and the organization of the government under the existing law. This put an end to the revolutionary troubles during the residence of Mr. Hudson in that city.

In 1873 Mr. Hudson resigned, and returned to his home in Burlington, where he lived until his death. In his domestic relations he was happy. In 1844 he married Miss Ann Caldwell, a native of Kentucky, born Jan. 14, 1826. Of this marriage there were three children: Virginia, born Oct. 25, 1845; Marietta, born June 25, 1848; and Walter Werder, born Aug. 25, 1850. The second daughter died Jan. 11, 1874. Mrs. Hudson died on the 13th of March, 1851, and on Jan. 11, 1853, Mr. Hudson was again married, his second union being with Serena Griffey, who was born at Morgantown, W. Va., July 23, 1825, and was the fifth in a family of twelve children, ten of whom reached adult age, nine daughters and a son coming to Burlington. Her father, William Griffey, was born July

4, 1787, and was of English descent. He was a successful merchant at Morgantown, and was an iron manufacturer. He was married Oct. 28, 1810, to Miss Mary Spitzer, a native of Winchester, Va., and of German descent. Mr. Griffey was obliged to pay a large security debt, and nearly all of his property was swept away in this manner. He had to take as partial indemnity for his loss the negroes that had belonged to the man who failed, and these he allowed to purchase their freedom as they were able to do so. Mr. Griffey came to Iowa in May, 1837, proceeding down the Ohio and up the Mississippi rivers by steamer to where the village of Burlington stood. It then contained only a few houses. Mr. Griffey took up land, and in connection with Mr. Sherfy operated a sawmill on Flint Creek and one in Illinois. Later he opened a clothing store on Jefferson and Main Streets, where he remained until his death, which occurred Jan. 11, 1848. His wife, who was born June 15, 1795, died in 1850. Their children were Leanna, who married Charles Medara, and died in the spring of 1838; Henry, who went South, and was not heard from after a time; Levara, who married David Rice, and died leaving a family; Mary, the wife of John Johnson, of Denver; Mrs. Hudson; Delia, who married Capt. Thomas French, and is a widow, living at Cripple Creek, Colo.; Ellen, who is the widow of Daniel Cox, and resides in Burlington, Iowa; Laura, deceased; Martha, the widow of William Hillhouse, and now living with her mother; and Caroline, who died after attaining early womanhood.

During the last ten years of his life Mr. Hudson was an invalid, suffering from paralysis. His mind was very clear and

alert, and he maintained a deep interest in public affairs until his demise, which occurred Dec. 19, 1897. In the management of his varied enterprises Mr. Hudson was successful, and he acquired a competency, enabling himself and family to live in ease and comfort. His was, indeed, a well-spent, active, and useful career, characterized by unflinching devotion to the general good as well as to his individual interests. He was a co-laborer and colleague of many of the eminent men of the nation, and the labor which he did when serving as minister to Central America still finds its fruition in the national trade relations which have since existed between the two countries.

ADRIAN SCHULTES.

WHEN the tocsin of war sounded, Adrian Schultes responded to his country's call for aid, put aside personal considerations, and followed the banner of the Union to the battlefields of the South. He is now a veteran of the war, and deserves all the honor and credit which is given to the boys in blue. He is, moreover, one of the most prosperous and successful farmers of Huron township, having now extensive landed possessions, all acquired through his own labors. He was born March 4, 1833, in Baden, Germany, his parents being Michael and Barbara (Fisher) Schultes. He was educated in the public schools, but his opportunities in this direction were very meager, for at about seven years of age he began to earn his own living. In accordance with the laws of the land he had to render military service to his

country when twenty-one years of age, and he remained with the army for six years, being aide-de-camp the second year. He was reared, however, to farm work, and has always been identified with agricultural pursuits.

It was in May, 1861, that Mr. Schultes arrived in America, locating first at Port Jervis, N. Y. He afterward came to Burlington, Iowa, but not being able to get more than eight dollars per month for his services here, he went to Wisconsin. After a brief period he enlisted at Menominee, Wis., as a member of Company D, Fifth Wisconsin Infantry. The regiment was mustered in at Madison, Wis., and was assigned to the army of the Potomac. With his command Mr. Schultes participated in many important engagements, including the battles of Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Rappahannock, Mine Run, the Wilderness, Spottsylvania Courthouse, North Anna River, Hanover Courthouse, Cold Harbor, and the assault on Petersburg. He was afterward called to Washington, and fought at Edward's Ferry, Snicker's Gap, Belleville, and Winchester. He was on picket duty for thirteen days, and in the fall of 1864 returned to Washington, after which he was sent to Petersburg. Feb. 17, 1865, at Cold Harbor, his bayonet was struck with a bullet, which split and cut his face to some extent. He was also in the battle of Hedges Run and in the storming of Petersburg. He became ill at Fredericksburg because of wounds he had sustained, and was in the hospital for four months. He was taken prisoner during the first day's battle of the Wilderness, but was held as a captive for only a brief period, his forty men with him capturing

a corps of three hundred men. The command received an honorable discharge at Hall's Hill, Va., and the corps made its review about two weeks later.

Following the close of the war Mr. Schultes returned to Wisconsin and later came to Des Moines county, Iowa, locating in Huron township, where his sister lived. Here he carried on farming for a time and in 1867 he bought eighty acres of land and later purchased one hundred and fifty-nine acres. The latter tract was afterward sold to Mr. Wadleigh and is now owned by Mr. Newhouse. His farm of one hundred and twenty acres lay on Section 24, and to this he has added until he now has a valuable and extensive farm comprising five hundred and ninety-four acres on Sections 24 and 19, and he also has thirty-four acres on Section 26, Huron township. He raises and feeds about fifty-five calves each year, and has also engaged extensively in raising horses. All of his land lies along the river bottom except the thirty-four-acre tract of timber and, take it all, constitutes a beautiful farm, which is very rich and productive and is highly tilled. His methods are practical, systematic, and prove resultant factors in winning him success, and he is to-day accounted one of the leading agriculturists of his community.

Mr. Schultes was married Feb. 18, 1868, to Miss Emerence Worley, a daughter of Joseph and Barbara (Shinzer) Worley, and a native of Baden, Germany. They have one child, Tinney, who was born Jan. 14, 1869, and an adopted daughter, Mary, who was born April 8, 1881, and is now the wife of Benjamin Luckinbill.

Mr. Schultes is a staunch Republican in

politics but has never sought or desired office, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business interests, in which he has met with signal success. He is now a member of Shepard Post, Grand Army of the Republic, Mediapolis, and thus maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades. In all matters of citizenship he is as true and loyal to his country as when he followed the old flag upon southern battle-fields. In his religious faith he is a Catholic. His determination to seek a home in America was a wise one, for here he found improved business opportunities, and by the utilization of the advantages which have come to him he has gradually worked his way upward from a humble financial position to one of affluence, and the young man of limited financial circumstances who arrived at New York in 1861 is now one of the prosperous farmers of Huron township.

ISAAC NEWTON McCLURE.

THE business interests of Mediapolis, Yellow Springs township, Des Moines county, are well represented by this gentleman, whose enterprising spirit is in harmony with the progressiveness of the West. He is a prosperous dealer in a general mercantile business in Mediapolis, and is one of the native sons of the county, his birth having occurred here Feb. 1, 1844. His parents were William and Cynthia (Evans) McClure, and were among the very early pioneers of Des Moines county, settling in Yellow Springs township in 1839, where they entered from the government a tract of land about four miles north of Mediapolis, upon which farm they resided for

many years. This worthy gentleman died in 1864, aged fifty years, and his wife passed away in 1895, aged seventy-seven years. They had led lives of great usefulness, and their memories are still cherished by many throughout this section of the country.

The subject of this review was reared on his father's farm, where he remained till he reached his majority. His parents gave him a liberal education, first sending him through the district school of their township, and later giving him a course of study in the schools of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. Still later he attended the Yellow Springs Academy, located in Kossuth, Iowa. These courses of study were of great value to Mr. McClure, and were the foundation of his mercantile success in life.

In 1872, at the age of thirty years, Mr. McClure entered upon mercantile pursuits, and the well-known firm of Brown & McClure was formed, which continued business for thirteen years. He then, with J. Q. Roberts as partner, further continued the business, the firm doing business under the name of McClure & Company, which lasted for a period of seven years.

The next three years this large house was run by I. N. McClure alone with great profit and success. Mr. McClure then took in Mr. A. J. Evans as a partner, and hung out the sign of McClure & Evans, which attracted the passer-by for five years, when the firm was again changed. For the past six years Mr. J. P. Helphrey has been engaged in business with Mr. McClure, and to-day they do an important part of the business of the town, having a general store, which has been greatly enlarged until it is now the Mammoth Store, both in name and nature, of that section of the

country. Every department is well filled with a fine assortment of the best of goods, and are all in charge of reliable and accommodating clerks. The numerous customers of this great department store, which resembles those of much larger cities, are not confined to the city of its location alone, as the trade reaches out over a vast territory of the country.

Dec. 1, 1869, Mr. McClure became the husband of Miss Elizabeth Susan Parrett, a young lady of much ability and refinement, who is the daughter of Joseph and Molena (Carley) Parrett, of Greenfield, Ohio. Unto Mr. and Mrs. McClure three children have been born, all of whom are grown to maturity, and well settled in life, and are a great source of comfort to their parents. The children are as follows: Marcus P., a Presbyterian minister, of Stevens' Point, Wis.; Louie Maggie, married the Rev. Herbert W. Reherd, pastor of Bethany Church of Detroit, Mich.; and Franklin Evans, a successful and well-known physician of Neenah, Wis.

In politics, Mr. McClure has always been a Republican, but has never aspired to any public office. He and his worthy wife are respected and devoted members of the Presbyterian church, and are actively engaged in the advancement of religion. Mr. McClure is well and generally known and respected throughout the county as a man possessing sterling business qualifications. He has always been much interested in any and all projects that would work a direct benefit to the town or county, and has been a leader in contributing to any enterprise of worth or merit that would in any way be of assistance to the young people in his vicinity. His long term of years in such a large business has brought him in con-

tact with hundreds of the residents of the surrounding country, who all hold him in the kindest regard and as a man above reproach.

CASPER H. BREDER.

AMONG the sons of the Fatherland who have come to America and won success and prominence, and at the same time been recognized as valued and worthy citizens of the communities in which they live, is numbered Casper H. Breder, who was born in Westphalia, Germany, April 5, 1826, and who now lives on his large farm in Benton township. Mr. Breder was educated in Germany, and lived there until he was twenty-six years of age, his parents dying in that country.

In 1852 Mr. Breder came alone to the United States, and arrived in New York City without any money, having to borrow fifty cents from a friend to get to Lockport, N. Y. Since that time he has, unaided and by his own efforts and talents, climbed the ladder of success, his achievements forming a lesson in self-help worthy of studious consideration by all younger men. He remained in Lockport, for two years, after which he came to Burlington, Iowa, where he worked as a laborer. Here his native thrift and good management were such that at the end of five years he was able to come to Benton township, where he bought a farm of one hundred and six acres, which he cleared. Later he sold that, and bought his present farm of one hundred and eighty-seven acres, besides other property. Here he has lived ever since.



CASPER H. BREDER.



MRS. ELIZABETH S. BREDER.

constantly making improvements, till now he has one of the best-kept farms in the community. He has put up a large, substantial house with modern improvements and has erected other buildings as need arose, all increasing the value of the place, as well as adding to the comfort of living on it. Mr. Breder has carried on general farming and stock-raising successfully, and has owned other farms; but as it took too much of his time, has sold out and invested the proceeds differently, becoming a stockholder in the Citizens' State Bank of Mediapolis, of which he is also a director.

In 1865 Mr. Breder became interested in bee-keeping, and started them with one or two stands. Liking bees, he has made a study of improved methods, and from the small beginning he increased it to one hundred stands, that in themselves were valuable. A few years ago he sold many of his stands; but has increased them to large proportions again, being in this as in all else successful in his undertaking.

Mr. Breder was married in Lockport, N. Y., in 1854. His wife was Elizabeth Schaffer, who was also born in Germany, and came to the United States the year she was married. She was a worthy helpmeet, as well as a loving companion to her husband through a married life of forty-seven years, helping him through the struggle of the early years, and enjoying with him the fruits of their labors, in later years. She departed this life July 25, 1901, at the home place. She was the mother of six children. Of these one died in infancy, Louis died at the age of six years, and Elizabeth at the age of two. The three living children are:

Henry, lives in Franklin township, and carries on farming; John, owns a hotel and is in the real estate business at Hugo, I. T.; and Tillie, who lives at home. Henry married Louisa Meyer, daughter of Herman Meyer, and they are the parents of four children, Bessie, Clell, Floyd, and Ursula. John married Miss Missouri Pershing, a native of Pennsylvania, and has three children: Verne, Alice, and Harry.

Both Mr. Breder and his excellent wife were members of the Evangelical church, in which they were highly regarded as people whose lives kept close to their professions, making religion sincere and practical in every case. For a number of years Mr. Breder has been a deacon in that church, and is known as an active and efficient official. In all questions affecting the public welfare, as well as in his private life, Mr. Breder's influence has always been on the side of strictest integrity and morality.

He has always been active in local politics, serving the Republican party in various capacities, in which his energy and unwavering loyalty have been important factors in its success, for he is possessed of practical ability of an unusual order. He enjoys vast popularity in his own community and throughout Des Moines county, as is evidenced by the fact that although he has never sought for political preferment, he has been repeatedly called upon to fill some of the minor offices, such as were within the power of his neighbors to bestow upon him. The career of this sturdy citizen of our great commonwealth is and should be full of inspiration for all young men, especially for those who depend for advancement

upon their own efforts and devotion to duty.

He has made his way in the world by his own efforts, and by his industry. He has done his full share toward making the country what it is to-day.

HERMAN G. MARQUARDT.

IN the field of political life and commercial activity Herman G. Marquardt has won distinction, and to-day is numbered among the leading influential and honored citizens of Burlington. In his business career his efforts have been so discerningly directed along well-defined lines of labor that he seems to have realized at any one point of progress the full measure of his possibilities for accomplishment at that point, and the line of achievement with him has ever been the path of honor. He is, however, a director of public thought and opinion in political circles, and one who has wielded a wide influence. The consensus of public opinion and the evidence of history shows that there has been no more efficient mayor of Burlington than Herman G. Marquardt.

He was born in the province of Posen, Prussia, Germany, April 20, 1853. His father, John G. Marquardt, born in the kingdom of Prussia, afterward established his home in that part known as the province of Posen. During the greater part of his life he was a shepherd. He served in the Prussian army in the revolution of 1848, and in his later years he was again a shepherd. In 1864 he came to America, leaving Germany on account of the antipathy that

existed in that country for his religious views. He was a Baptist, and determined to make his home in America, where one has freedom to worship God according to the dictates of his conscience. He located first in Goshen, Ind., living there for a few months during the time of the Lincoln and the McClellan campaign. He afterward went to Bloomington, Ill., and worked for the Chicago & Alton Railroad, his death occurring in that city in 1875. His wife, who in her maidenhood was Johanna Dorothy Bloch, died in 1872. They had but two children who reached mature years: Herman G. and Carl Louis, the latter now pastor of the Baptist church at St. Joseph, Mich.

Herman G. Marquardt was a youth of eleven years when he came with his parents to the New World. He pursued his education in the common schools of Germany and of this country and also in a business college at Bloomington, Ill. Subsequently he worked in the shops of the Chicago & Alton Railroad Company at that place as an employee in the coach department. Previously he engaged in clerking. He was with the railroad company for about four years, when he removed to Burlington on account of his health. He was with the Orchard City Wagon Company for a short time, then embarked in the grocery business at the corner of Osborn Street and Agency Avenue, where for three years he was connected with Chris Jordon. He has continuously engaged in the grocery trade for a quarter of a century, and, with the exception of three years, has been alone in business. For about eighteen years he has been located at No. 1500 Osborn Street. He has practically built his home and store on this corner. He keeps enlarging the place in order to accom-

moderate his growing business, his investment in buildings alone amounting to about fifteen thousand dollars. He is now proprietor of one of the largest grocery houses of the city, and his patronage is steadily increasing, for he enjoys an unassailable reputation for reliability, as well as for the excellent grade of goods which he carries.

On New Year's eve, Dec. 31, 1874, at Bloomington, Ill., Mr. Marquardt was married to Miss Hedwig Kietzmann, a native of Germany. There are six children living: Herman; Charles W., who married Nettie Lohmann, and has a daughter, Dorothy; John Henry, who is a graduate of the high school; Clara; Lydia, who was educated in the high school and a business college of Burlington; and Herbert, who is attending grammar school. Herman, Charles, and John are assisting their father in the grocery business.

The parents are members of the Baptist church, active and influential in its work, and for nineteen years Mr. Marquardt was superintendent of the Sunday-school. He has served on the school board of Burlington for six years, was its president for one term, has been chairman of the teachers' committee, and also served on the high school committee, and it was during his incumbency that the west high school was built.

He was elected councilman at large for two years on the Democratic ticket, and while serving as a member of the board of aldermen was chairman of the claims and other committees, including the police committee and the judiciary committee. He served from 1898 until 1900, and in the latter year was elected mayor, being re-elected in 1902, both times as a candidate of the Democracy. He has frequently attended

the State conventions of his party as a delegate, and his opinion and counsel are highly valued by his political colleagues, both in State and county.

His administration of municipal affairs was most beneficial to Burlington; in fact, his incumbency covered one of the most progressive periods in the city's history, largely owing to his practical efforts in its behalf. Franchises were granted to the People's Gas Light & Electric Company, street railway, also to the Citizens' Water Company to operate the water plant, but the term of the lighting contract having expired, a new lighting contract was made. Many public improvements and reforms were instituted and carried forward to successful completion. Mr. Marquardt was particularly careful concerning the expenditures of public moneys. He advised public conferences before measures were finally adopted, and during the term of four years the bonded debt was reduced one hundred thousand dollars, this representing the largest reduction ever made in the same period in the city's history. He kept himself well informed concerning the financial condition of the city, and insisted upon the expenditures being kept within the revenues, promptly vetoing any measure that would exceed the tax levy or appropriation. He was a strong advocate of permanent improvement, the effect of which would be lasting.

Mr. Marquardt is a conservative man, and yet never hesitates to uphold progressive measures when his sound judgment sanctions. He is extremely practical, as shown in his business, political, and social life, and there is no man in Burlington who commands more uniform confidence and respect than does Herman G. Marquardt.

WILLIAM H. SMITH.

WILLIAM H. SMITH, one of the early settlers of Des Moines county, and now a venerable citizen of almost eighty years, was born in Green county, Illinois, Jan. 20, 1826, his parents being Jeremiah Smith, Jr., and Ellen M. (Potts) Smith. The father was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, and became a resident of Illinois at an early day in its development, settling in Green county, where he purchased a tract of land and engaged in farming. For a short time he was also engaged in merchandizing at Whitehall, Green county, and he remained a resident of Illinois until 1833, when he came to Burlington. There he followed mercantile pursuits, being what was then known as an Indian trader. He bought their furs, which they brought in from a broad extent of territory, selling them goods in return. He was located on Front Street, a little north of Columbia, at the time of his coming there being only one other store in the place. He was well acquainted with Black Hawk and all the other noted Indians, and entertained Black Hawk and his wife many times. He also had a strong influence with the Indians—more than any other man who ever lived about here.

Later, as the Indian trade diminished, and the country became settled, he continued as a general merchant. As government contractor he built the grist-mill for the Indians south of Agency City. He also purchased a farm two miles west of the city, giving a part of his time to its cultivation and improvement. He had three hundred acres of land, the greater part of which he had purchased

and built a house on before moving to Burlington. Later he put a part of it under cultivation. He made all the improvements upon that property, and it was his home up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1852, when he was fifty years of age. General farming, stock-raising, and general merchandizing claimed his time and energies, and he was known as a most enterprising, reliable, and successful business man.

His political allegiance was given to the Democracy; and, well fitted for leadership, he was several times elected to the State Legislature. He served as a member of the Legislature when its sessions were held at Green Bay, Wis., traveling by land and camping out on the trip. The country was not settled, at that time Iowa being a part of Wisconsin Territory. He was also a member of the House after Iowa became a State, and he erected a building in Burlington in which the sessions of the Legislature were held for some time. This building, which stood beside his store, was destroyed by fire during the first session of the Legislature.

He was a man of superior individuality, firm in his convictions, and of strong purposes, and he left his impress for good upon the legislation of the State and its development along other lines. At the time of the Black Hawk war he joined the army, serving until the close of hostilities. A part of his farm is comprised in what is now known as Smith's addition to the city of Burlington, and part of which is still owned by William H. Smith. His wife, who was born in Ohio, became a resident of Illinois at a very early day, and was there married. She

was a devoted member of the Methodist church, and departed this life about 1885. In their family were eight children, of whom seven are yet living, namely: William H.; George F., deceased; Samuel; Etna, the widow of William Mast; Amelia, the widow of A. T. Hay; Iowa J.; Lycurgus; and Adna, who resides in Burlington. The four eldest were born in Illinois, and the others in Burlington. Iowa J. Smith was said to be the first white child born in the territory of Iowa, after which it was given its name.

William H. Smith was a lad of seven years when, in the fall of 1833, he came with his parents to Iowa. He acquired his education in the common schools of Burlington, and worked upon the home farm when not busy with his text-books. After completing his education, his entire attention was given to the labors of field and meadow, and he remained at home until thirty years of age, when he took charge of his father's farm near Burlington. He also engaged in the manufacture of brick in the city for several years, and a year prior to his father's death he, with his father, purchased a farm in Jackson township, comprising six hundred and forty acres of land. He placed all of the improvements here, and made it a splendid property, and a part of it is now owned by his brother Samuel. William H. Smith, however, cultivated the land for about ten years, and then went to Idaho, where he engaged in mining for four years. He was one of the first miners in Boise county, and his venture there proved successful. He left Burlington in May, 1862, and drove a mule team through, they being three months on the journey from Council Bluffs to

Powder River, on the eastern boundary of Oregon, the first mining camp they came to, and then was in the rush to Boise county, Idaho, where he obtained good placer diggings, and remained till 1865. He returned to Burlington by way of the isthmus, where he followed the trade of carpentering, and also gave a part of his time to the cultivation and development of the farm, which is now owned by his brother Samuel. Mr. Smith is the owner of a number of dwellings and other property in Burlington, which he rents, and receives therefrom a good income; but for the past decade he has lived with his brother on the farm, and his attention is largely given to its improvement. He is also extensively engaged in the production of honey, giving much study and attention to the modern methods of handling bees.

In his political views William H. Smith is a Republican, and for several years he has held the office of justice of the peace, being the present incumbent in that position. He is a member of the Methodist church, having filled different offices, and has led an upright, honorable life, commending him to the confidence and goodwill of those with whom he has been associated.

Samuel Smith was born at Whitehall, Ill., and when a year old came to Iowa, since which time he has lived in Des Moines county, acquiring his education in the schools of Burlington. He has always been a farmer, devoting his time and attention to agricultural pursuits throughout his entire life. He purchased his present farm in Jackson township from his brother William, and here he has since lived.

WILLIAM E. JONES.

THE above name is one that is familiar to the citizens of Des Moines county, for it belongs to one of the oldest residents of Washington township, who is now retired from the duties which have so long engrossed his attention as a farmer and stock-raiser. He was born in Wales, May 3, 1826, and when thirteen years of age, went to the city of Liverpool, where he remained till he was twenty-one years of age, being engaged part of the time as employee in the Queen's tobacco warehouse. He then came to America, and after landing in New York was employed for a time as a steamboat hand; remained there for a short time, and then went to Madison, Conn., where he was engaged for two years on a sloop transporting potatoes to New York. His next move was to the South, where he located in New Orleans, and secured employment in the gas works, and also followed steamboating for some time.

In 1850 he settled permanently in Iowa, and in 1852 purchased one hundred and sixty acres on Section 24, in Washington township, Des Moines county, where he at once became an active farmer and prosperous stock-raiser. He soon sold eighty acres, and later bought ten more, making ninety and one-half acres. Mr. Jones transformed this bare and wild place into one of beauty and cultivation. His home, barn, and other necessary farm buildings are good and durable, and to-day both field and meadow yield rich golden harvests.

Sept. 2, 1852, Mr. Jones married Miss Elizabeth Morris, who was also born in Wales, and came to America when a young girl with her parents, who located in the State of Ohio. In 1841 they came to Iowa,

and settled in Franklin township, Des Moines county, where her father carried on farming and blacksmithing for many years. Later they moved to Louisa county, where Mr. Morris died, Nov. 11, 1869. March 16, 1899, Mrs. Jones passed away at the home place, at the age of seventy-one years and eight months. She was a member of the Congregational church, a kind and loving mother, a devoted wife, and a true friend.

Mrs. Jones left the following six children: William M., resides in Mt. Union, Henry county, where he is engaged as a farmer. He married Miss Clara Lusk, and they have seven children: Elmer M., Walter M., Lincoln O., Harry, Aletha B., Ruth C., and Delia. John E. married Miss Emma Muelkerson, and has two children: Elsie M. and Leila B. He is a traveling man residing in Winfield, Henry county. Mary is the wife of William H. Myers, who was born in Yellow Springs township, and is a son of Richard and Henrietta Myers. Mr. and Mrs. Myers reside with the parents of Mrs. Myers on the home place, and thus relieve the duties of Mr. Jones. Sarah J. is the wife of John C. Fye, of Washington township, and is the mother of one son, Morris C. Anna L. is now Mrs. A. H. Featherby, of Yarmouth, Iowa, where Mr. Featherby has a hardware store. Lincoln H. lives in Nebraska. He married Miss Anna Fye, and they have two daughters, Agnes and Dorothy. All the above-named children were born in Washington township on the home place.

Politically, Mr. Jones is a strong Republican, and has held nearly all the township offices, and those of road supervisor and school director for many years, attending to all duties in a very satisfactory manner.

He is a devoted and conscientious member of the Congregational church, and lives up to his Christian profession in all walks of life.

Besides the beautiful farm mentioned in this review, Mr. Jones also has eighty acres of land in Henry county, Iowa, and also eighty acres in Washington township on Section 34. He truly is a self-made man. Starting in life as a steamboat hand, by his untiring energy and perseverance he has progressed step by step, till to-day, in the evening of life, he has accumulated a comfortable competence, and is able to live in retirement, and thus enjoy the labor of his early life. He also possesses those qualities which have insured the making of friends whose esteem and confidence he enjoys to an unusual degree.

DAVID WILLIAM DAVIS.

DAVID WILLIAM DAVIS, who claims Virginia as his native home, and who owes all his prosperity to his own willing hands, integrity, untiring energy, and conscientious dealings with his co-laborers in life, is a son of David William and Catherine (Curran) Davis, and was born in Martinsburg, Va., Aug. 17, 1823. His parents had eight children: James; John; George; Eliza (Mrs. Solomon Morgan); Julia, deceased; Ann Amelia (Mrs. James Kilmer); an unnamed infant, deceased; and David William, subject of this review. The parents died within six months of each other, when David was but seven years old, and on this account his education was very limited, though he well remembers the little old log cabin in which the school was held.

A short time after the death of his parents he was bound out to a man by the name of William Able, but on account of the unkind treatment he received, his brothers were compelled to take him away, and settle him in his brother John's home, where he remained for five years; and when about nineteen years old, he was apprenticed to his brother George, who was a tailor. After completing this trade he was a journeyman for a number of years, but growing restless at this he worked for a while for his brother John, who was a butcher. Wanting to see something of Washington City, he determined to go, arriving there the day James K. Polk took his seat as president of the United States. Here he spent six months working in a butcher shop, but was not contented, and so returned to his native home in Virginia. When about twenty-five years old he moved West, locating on a farm in Yellow Springs township, Des Moines county, Iowa. In 1849 he was seized with the gold fever, and started to California with a Mr. Veich and John Hunt. They went overland, and thus saw much of the country, as well as experiencing some thrilling times. There was scarcely a day that they did not meet or encounter some Indians. One day a man in their emigrant train from Illinois, who had no love for the Indians, swore he would kill the first one he saw. Soon after saying this he saw a redskin sitting on a large ledge of rocks sunning himself, and taking deliberate aim, he shot and killed the Indian. The tribe to which the dead Indian belonged consisted of about two hundred, and were camped close by where the shooting occurred. In a short time up rode the chief and a band of his tribe and demanded the paleface that killed their Indian. As

the emigrants refused at first to give up their man, the chief at once took all of their stock and supplies away. This step on the part of the chief crippled the progress of the emigrants very much, who held another hasty conference and decided to give up the man, which they were very sorry to do. The red men then returned all stock and supplies confiscated in a half hour, and the unfortunate man was hobbled and put on a pole hitched to a pony, and drawn at a terrible rate over the plains, and this was the last seen or heard of him.

Reaching California, Mr. Davis remained six years, and was engaged mostly in mining; but on account of bad luck overtaking him he was compelled to work at his trade. In 1855 he returned to Burlington, making this city his home ever since. During the year 1860 our subject opened a meat market in the building where the central fire department is now located, where he continued business for five years, when he sold out. After this he worked for a number of years at the butcher-shops of several different men till about 1900, when he virtually retired from active business.

Mr. Davis was married Oct. 4, 1849, to Miss Amanda Patterson, daughter of Robert and Maria (Hukill) Patterson. This union was blessed with three children: Prudence died when eighteen years old; Robert Franklin, and Ada Maria (Mrs. Willis Carson), both of Oskaloosa, Iowa. Both our subject and his worthy wife are consistent members of the Methodist church. Politically, Mr. Davis is a strong Democrat, and has always tried to serve his party to the best of his ability in a private capacity. This aged couple have lived in their present home, 1611 Agency Street, since 1855. The first house he built burned in 1866, and

soon afterward he built his present brick house, which is a model of neatness and home pleasantness. Such a large portion of Mr. Davis's life having been spent in this locality, his history is therefore largely familiar to his fellow townsmen, who recognize the fact that his has been an honorable career, worthy of their respect, confidence, and regard.

JOHN L. THOMAS.

ONE fact that stands out prominently in the history of the American republic, and has been illustrated again and again in the lives of her people, is that she owes much of her greatness and supremacy to the energy, indomitable will power, and commanding moral character of citizens who trace their origin to foreign lands.

John L. Thomas, a well-known resident of Mediapolis, Iowa, is a native of South Wales, born near Newcastle, and is a son of David and Mary (Lloyd) Thomas, his father being a farmer in his native country. When a boy, the subject of this sketch left the paternal home, and engaged in any kind of work that came to his hand. Being of an ingenious turn of mind, he worked at many occupations, and mastered the trade of stone-mason without serving a regular apprenticeship.

Deciding to try his fortunes in the New World, he came to America in 1854, locating first at Newark, Ohio, where he engaged in work as a stone-mason. From there he removed to Louisa county, Iowa, working at the same trade in Columbus City. In September, 1856, he removed to Des Moines county, where he worked on



John L Thomas

a farm in Section 8, Franklin township, and afterward rented a farm for a number of years.

His first purchase of land was forty acres in Section 8, Franklin township, to which he added by subsequent purchases until he had a farm of two hundred and eighteen acres. On this place he lived until 1884, when he sold out and retired from farming, removing to Mediapolis, which has ever since been his home.

He has also become the owner of valuable property in Mediapolis, and in 1890 built the first bank building, and organized the first banking institution, in this village. This is known as the State Bank of Mediapolis, and he was elected and served on its board of directors. In the fall and winter of 1895-96 he organized the Citizens' State Bank of Mediapolis, of which he has ever since been president. Both of these institutions are considered the strongest banking houses in this part of the State.

He is a Republican in politics, and a warm supporter of that party's principles. Though not an aspirant for political honors, he has taken an active interest in local affairs, and has served as township trustee. He has often been a delegate to county and State conventions, and was a delegate to the convention that nominated Governor Shaw. He has always been devoted to the cause of public improvements, and was the builder of the Dudley Hotel in 1903-04, which was named in honor of his wife. He has been a liberal supporter of religion, giving generously on all occasions, irrespective of creed and denomination.

Upon moving to Mediapolis he virtually retired from business, except that he

continued to look after his own property interests, which were very extensive. He is one of the largest property owners of Mediapolis and that vicinity. The correctness and accuracy of his business foresight may be instanced in connection with the building of the Dudley Hotel, in 1903, for he executed this project against the advice of many leading citizens, and yet the investment has proved to be one of the wisest and most profitable he ever made.

In November, 1881, Mr. Thomas was married to Mary A., daughter of David and Martha (Evans) Dudley, and a native of Licking county, Ohio. David Dudley was also a native of Wales, and emigrated to this country in 1842, selecting Licking county, Ohio, as his place of settlement.

Mr. Thomas's success in life is a good illustration of what can be accomplished by industry, integrity, frugality, close attention to business, and good management. When he came to America his sole capital was good health, correct morals, and an earnest determination to succeed. To-day he is enjoying the fruits of a well-spent life, a life lived in accordance with the rules he early laid down for his guidance, and is in the possession of a comfortable competence.

In May, 1886, he and his wife started for a well-earned holiday, visiting various parts of Wales and England, and spending three months on the trip. When he emigrated to America he came in a sailing vessel which took five weeks and three days to make the passage across the Atlantic. On his return to his native land he crossed in eleven days, a good illustration of modern progress.

Mr. Thomas is well known and highly esteemed in Des Moines county, and wherever he is known. He has always been considered as one of the leading business lights of this part of the county.

HON. ELLISON SMITH.

HON. ELLISON SMITH, in whose life record there is much that commands the highest praise, and whose memory is dear to a large circle of friends who knew and honored him during his active life, was one of the noble figures in the history and development of this section of Iowa, being known throughout Des Moines county, and in a measure throughout the State, as one who was singularly devoted to all that might conduce to the moral and spiritual advancement of mankind, as well as being always among the first to aid any worthy movement for the material upbuilding of the community in which he made his home. He was born at Skipton, in Yorkshire, England, March 8, 1825, the third of a family of ten children, son of Peter and Martha (Ellison) Smith, and accompanied his parents to America in 1835.

The father, who was also a native of Yorkshire, was by trade a miller, following that occupation in England; but on coming to America he purchased a farm of three hundred acres three miles south of Burlington, Iowa, and devoted himself to agriculture. Grappling with the hard problems of pioneer life and frontier conditions, he cleared away the encumbering forests, freed the productive forces of the soil, erected buildings, and established a

home for himself and his family. It was here that he resided until the time of his death, which occurred in 1870, at the age of seventy-five years. He was a member of the Episcopal church, maintaining this connection through life, and while he was always wisely conservative in all things, he was a friend of true progress, and attained a gratifying degree of pecuniary prosperity. The mother of Ellison Smith was also a native of England, and she attained to the age of eighty-one years, her death occurring in 1881. She is survived by five children, all of whom are residents of the Middle West.

Mr. Smith obtained his formal education almost wholly in his native country, the only schooling which he received subsequent to his tenth year being that of a six weeks' term in the public schools of Burlington township, Des Moines county. Despite the meagerness of his early advantages, however, he formed a taste for reading, which he always retained, and through habits of reflection and intelligent observation he became possessed of the extensive knowledge and broad views which made him a man of true and universal culture. With the exception of a short period, during which he learned and worked at the brickmaker's trade, he remained with his parents until his twenty-sixth year.

On April 9, 1851, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Hunt, daughter of Jesse and Delinda (Kirkpatrick) Hunt. The father of Mrs. Smith was born June 20, 1807, at Knoxville, Tenn., whence he removed with his parents to Illinois when only five years of age. The family located in Bond county, where they engaged in farming, and where the young

son was educated in the public school. Later he was employed upon the home farm until he was twenty-two years of age, at which time his marriage took place, and he began independent farming operations in Illinois. This he continued until 1834, when he removed to Iowa, choosing a location at what was then known as Flint Hills, and is now included within the corporate limits of the city of Burlington. There he purchased the farm which is at present occupied by his only son, John B., and there he resided continuously until his death, which occurred July 16, 1893.

He was the owner of five hundred acres of valuable land in Des Moines county, comprising some of the richest agricultural tracts in the middle Mississippi valley. He was a member, and a generous, loyal supporter of the Methodist Episcopal church, and as a man of great public spirit, he felt a genuine interest in political questions, acting from principle with the Democratic party. His wife, who, like himself, was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal denomination, died June 25, 1871, at the age of sixty-three years. She was born at Madison, Ill., a daughter of Francis and Mary (Gillum) Kirkpatrick. Her father was a native of Georgia, whence he came to Illinois immediately upon his marriage, making the journey in company with a number of other pioneers, and traveling overland by teams. He was of old colonial ancestry, and the great-grandfather of Mrs. Smith, widow of our subject, was a soldier of the Revolutionary War, losing his life in the southern branch of the service.

To Mr. and Mrs. Smith were born six

children, all of whom survive. Alice is the wife of John Cavenee, a ranchman and stock-raiser of Broken Bow, Nebr., and they have one son, Paul. By a former marriage to J. A. Wright, M. D., who died in 1882, she has another son, Ray Edward. Samuel A., who is a farmer at Wilsey, Kan., married Miss Orlena Ferrel, of Danville, Iowa, and they have one child, Jesse C. Jesse M., now a merchant at Provo, Utah, married Miss Etta Seamons, and has one daughter, Mary. Virginia is the wife of H. T. Catlin, who is engaged in railroad work at Hutchinson, Kans., and they have one son, Carl, Walter E., now a farmer of North Platte, Nebr., married Miss Cora Peterson, of Danville, and they have two sons, Paul and Hugh. Jean P., youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, was born Jan. 12, 1867, and after completing the work of the public schools of Danville, matriculated and pursued a course of study in Parsons College, at Fairfield, Iowa. On leaving college in 1886, he went to Jewell City, Kans., and engaged in the banking business, continuing there with success for five years. In 1891 he removed to Kansas City, Mo., and was there connected as chief clerk with the National Bank of Commerce for a period of six years. After two years spent in Danville, he formed a connection with Armour & Company, at Omaha, for a further two years, and then returned to Danville, where he has resided continuously since, engaged in the care and supervision of the old home farm. He is possessed of great natural gifts, and holds a high and enviable place in the general esteem, both for his ability and for the probity of his personal character.

Immediately after his marriage to Miss Hunt Mr. Smith removed to Danville township, purchasing there a farm on which they resided for eleven years. In 1865 they again removed, establishing their home in the village of Danville, and also purchased a farm of one hundred acres within the present corporate boundaries of the village. This new home was the place of Mr. Smith's residence during the remainder of his life, and here he gave much attention to farming according to the most modern and approved scientific methods. To him very largely is due the magnificent system of soil drainage which has added so much to the value of agricultural lands in Des Moines county, and for a number of years he engaged in the sale of tiling as part of his regular business. He also built the elevator at Danville, and entered the grain business on an extensive scale, continuing to conduct the enterprise with signal success until his death. He was resourceful, progressive, and alert, and in whatever he attempted his achievement was sure to be more than ordinarily notable, and of enduring value and significance. By the purity and strength of his character he commanded the unqualified confidence of the people, and as a leading member of the Democratic party, with which he was closely identified during the major portion of his active life, he exercised a widespread and intimate influence upon the public affairs of his time.

In 1889 Des Moines county chose him as its representative in the State Legislature of Iowa, and in this capacity he served his fellow-citizens for two years, with great credit to himself and lasting

benefits to his constituency. He was always active in the conduct of township affairs, and was for many years a township school director, for he was an earnest advocate of the State public school system, believing that therein lay the foundation for the perpetuity of the State and popular government. In addition to his more immediate business and public interests, he was extensively connected with Burlington institutions, and the uniform saneness and correctness of his opinions rendered his counsel widely sought in financial circles. A natural leader of men, all looked to him for guidance in times of doubt and crisis, and despite the stress and pressure of his private affairs, none ever appealed to him in vain. Himself no sectarian, his entire life was molded upon the highest moral principles, and was in close accord with the myriad upward tendencies of human society.

Mr. Smith was an especially popular man among the higher classes. Business men admired the masterly ability which won him success in the world of action. His unimpeachable character stood for great principles which have left their impress upon the community; and the devotion to his home life, which was one of the strongest of his characteristics, instinctively appealed to all who revere the highest and holiest of relations. The moral and mental purpose of his life will live beyond the brief period which compassed his existence, and still influence and uplift his fellow-men. He died July 5, 1893, sixty-eight years of age, and his remains rest in Aspen Grove cemetery, at Burlington. Mrs. Smith is a pleasant lady of distinguished ability and

many social graces, and her home is the center of a generous but refined and quiet hospitality.

HOWARD A. MATHEWS.

HOWARD A. MATHEWS, who for the third term is filling the position of county superintendent of schools, and whose labors have been effective in raising the standard of public instruction in Des Moines county, was born in Danville township, Sept. 27, 1866. His father, Henry C. Mathews, was born in Michigan during a brief residence of his parents there. They had come from New York to the Middle West, and removed from Michigan to Illinois, and later to Des Moines county, Iowa. The grandfather was a millwright by trade, and was interested in pioneer days, in establishing mills at Lowell, Henry county, a few miles south of Danville, one on either side of the Skunk River, and operated by water power. For many years he was thus identified with the early industrial development of this part of the State, while later he turned his attention to farming. He was also one of the early school teachers of the State, and his labors proved an important factor in promoting progress and upbuilding here. He died on his farm, aged seventy-six.

Henry C. Mathews, father of Professor Mathews, was only two years old when brought by his parents to Des Moines county, and under the parental roof he was reared amid pioneer environments. After arriving at years of maturity he married Miss Cyrene E. Dodds, who was born in this county. Their wedding was celebrated in Danville, March 19, 1864, and they began their domestic life upon a farm. Mr.

Mathews was engaged in agricultural pursuits throughout his entire life. He owned four hundred acres of land in Danville township, constituting a valuable farm, and he was also active in community interests, serving as township trustee for many years and otherwise supporting progressive and beneficial measures for the general good. His political support was given to the Republican party and he was a consistent member of the Congregational church. He died in 1897, at the age of sixty-two years, and his widow still resides upon the old homestead near Danville. They were the parents of eight children, and with one exception all are yet living, namely: Henry Sherman, of Danville, who married Lucretia Beck; Howard A.; Warren L., who married Ida B. Mix; Willis S., who married Edith Ferinsworth; Grace A.; Birdie B., who is engaged in teaching in the public schools; and Fred D. The deceased daughter was Lilly Mathews.

Professor Howard A. Mathews was reared upon the home farm, and his early education was acquired in the district schools, supplemented by study in the Danville high school, from which he was graduated with the class of 1887. He began teaching in the public schools, and was thus identified with the educational interests of the county for twelve years, or until elected to the office of county superintendent in September, 1899. He was for one year principal of the schools of Danville, and was teaching in the Maplewood school south of Danville when elected to the office of county superintendent in 1899. His nomination came entirely without his solicitation, and was a public recognition of his ability as an educator and his worth as a citizen. He discharged his duties with

such satisfaction to the general public that he was re-elected in 1901, and again in 1903, so that he is now serving his third term, and under his guidance the schools have made satisfactory progress. He is continually studying out new methods for improving the schools along practical lines, and he has the faculty of securing the co-operation of the teachers and arousing their zeal in behalf of the improved plans which he introduces. He is a member of the State Teachers' Association and the Southeastern Iowa Teachers' Association; was chairman of the county superintendent's section of the Southeastern Iowa Association held at Burlington in 1903.

Professor Mathews was married in Danville, in 1896, to Miss Emma A. Gugeler, who was born in Danville township, Des Moines county, Oct. 29, 1870, and they have three children: Alvin G., George H., and Grace A. Mrs. Mathews is a daughter of Fred Gugeler, who was born in Germany, and his wife, Mary (Nau) Gugeler, who was born of German parentage, in Des Moines county. They now reside upon a farm in Danville township, and their children are: Henry, deceased; Charles, who married Pearl Carter; Mrs. Lizzie Dodds; Mrs. Emma Mathews; George, Anna, and Maggie, all at home.

In his political views Mr. Mathews is a Republican, well informed concerning the questions and issues of the day, and yet never active as a politician. He belongs to the Congregational church, and has wielded a wide influence for the betterment of his fellow-men along the lines of intellectual and moral progress, while his own sterling worth and allegiance to high principles have gained for him the uniform regard of the residents of eastern Iowa.

WILLIAM FREDERICK CAVE.

WILLIAM FREDERICK CAVE, well known in business circles in Burlington as a dealer in coal and wood, came to this city from Ontario, Canada, in 1891, his home in the Dominion having been about sixty miles from the city of Toronto. He was born there June 23, 1855, a son of Edward and Mary A. (Mair) Cave, the former a native of England and the latter of Canada, the mother's birth having occurred in the same house in which the subject of this review was born. Many of the ancestors were English, but on the paternal side Mr. Cave is descended from French Huguenots. His great-great-great-grandfather was in the seventeenth century a colonel on the staff of William, Prince of Orange, afterward king of England, when he was warring against King James over Catholicism. The paternal great-grandfather, Mr. Cave, who was a native of Ireland, left that kingdom and settled in Wiltshire, England, upon a farm of five hundred acres, and this property has since remained in the care of his descendants, the place being called Long Newton. That the estate was prosperous is indicated by the fact that when the grandfather of Mr. Cave retired from farming in 1857, he sold stock from Long Newton netting him one thousand and nine hundred and seventy pounds, three shillings, and three pence, equivalent to about ten thousand dollars in United States money. Thomas Mair, the maternal grandfather, was born in Yorkshire, England, and as a young man emigrated to Canada, settling on the Penetanguishene Road, where he entered into a contract with the British government to supply the garrisons at Penetanguishene and the fleets on the upper

lakes with beef, pork, and other meats. He bought livestock over a large extent of territory to fulfil his contracts, all of this being driven overland to the designated points. At his home he had a large stock farm, and to this he imported some of the first blooded stock in Canada, including English coach horses, Durham cattle, and Leicestershire sheep, doing much by his praiseworthy activity in this line to improve the stock in that portion of the Dominion. He married a lady who was a native of Kent, England, and who after the death of her first husband had come to America as lady's maid to the wife of the governor of Upper Canada, she being a lady of superior attainments and culture and the widow of a wealthy lace manufacturer of London, who lost his fortune and died at the close of the Peninsular war, leaving his widow in very straitened circumstances. She married Thos. Mair in Toronto, and had strong influence over him, he appreciating the fact that she had always been accustomed to the advantages of wealth, and putting forth every effort in his power to provide her with all that he believed would promote her happiness and welfare. He had removed from Toronto to County Simcoe, in the Province of Ontario, in 1819, and there he died at the advanced age of eighty-one years and six months. To him and his wife were born three daughters, who grew to maturity, these being Elizabeth, who married James F. Wickens; Hannah, wife of Frederick Usher, Mr. Wickens and Mr. Usher being both members of prominent families; and Mary A., who became the wife of Edward Cave, and the mother of the subject of these memoirs.

Edward Cave was born in Wiltshire,

England, in the year 1818, and was there educated, coming to Barrie, County of Simcoe, Upper Canada, in 1845. In that county he purchased a farm and successfully conducted agricultural operations until the time of his coming to Burlington with his son in 1892. He married Miss Mair in 1847, and to them were born six children, only one of whom, William F., attained maturity. Mrs. Cave died in 1868, and her husband's demise occurred at the home of their son in Burlington in 1894. Both were members of the Episcopal church.

The mother of William Frederick Cave died when he was thirteen years of age, and afterward he was a member of a household that numbered only his father, his grandfather and himself. The public schools afforded him his educational privileges, and he remained upon the home farm during the period of his boyhood and youth, assisting in its development and improvement. He afterward became the owner of one hundred and eighty acres of land in Canada, comprising four farms, and at one time he also owned the old homestead, covering two hundred and fifty acres. At length he sold his farm property in Canada and came to Burlington in 1891. Here he secured employment in a rolling mill, and afterward in the shops of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, having charge of the tool room. In 1896 he bought a coal and wood yard of Joseph Slocum on Osborn Street, and two years later he bought out his present location at 833 Jefferson Street of W. W. Kennear. He uses three teams in the delivery of coal and wood, selling only to the retail trade. He deals in anthracite, Illinois soft coal, smithing coal, and coke, and in addition to the conduct of this business he operates a farm of seventy acres two miles

from the city. He is also interested in mining property in Colorado. Mr. Cave has extensive fraternal connections, having been made a Mason in Des Moines Lodge, No. 1, of Burlington, and being also a member of Iowa Chapter, No. 1, Royal Arch Masons, and of the Independent Order of Foresters, of Burlington, of which latter he has been chief ranger.

Mr. Cave was married in the township of Oro, in Ontario, Canada, Dec. 17, 1872, to Miss Emma Lucy Harrington, who was born in the State of New York, and is of English parentage, her birth occurring two weeks after the landing of her parents, James and Ruth Harrington, in the New World. They were farming people, and removed from the Empire State to Canada. The father is now deceased, but the mother is residing in Youngstown, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Cave have become the parents of nine children: Emma Mary is the wife of Frank B. Wilson, of Burlington, a son of Captain Frank Wilson, of Cleveland, Ohio; Roland Mair wedded Winnifred Vandervere, and is employed in the shops of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad; Edward H., who married Beatrice Rosendale, of New York City, attended the country schools of Canada, and was first connected with editorial work in Cleveland, Ohio. He was for a time editor of the *Sporting Goods Dealer*, of St. Louis, was afterward on the *Motor Review*, and is now editor in chief of *Field and Stream*. James F. is with his father in the coal business. Gertrude E. is a teacher of music. Ernest Alfred, Arabella O., Coral Ruth, and Roderick Baldwin are all at home with their parents. The family home is at 1902 West Avenue, a two-story residence of eight rooms standing in the

midst of two city lots. In his political views Mr. Cave is a Republican, but the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him, as he has ever preferred to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs. He was reared in the Episcopal faith, but is now a member of the Presbyterian church.

CHARLES WILLIAM HUNT.

MR. HUNT, who is the oldest living representative of one of Des Moines county's pioneer families, was born on the farm on which he still resides, in Union township, Dec. 23, 1839, a son of Samuel and Martha (McGee) Hunt. The father was a native of Bond county, Illinois, where his birth occurred on Jan. 21, 1809, and where he resided until attaining his majority. At that time he removed to Macomb, McDonough county, Ill., and for several years followed various occupations in that city. But in 1835 he joined the great westward movement, and, coming to Des Moines county, entered from the government one hundred and sixty acres of land in Union township. He then returned to Macomb, where he wedded Miss McGee. In 1838 he brought her to Iowa, and they settled on his homestead. The land was in its wild state, and he was compelled, in common with the other courageous pioneers of his day, to surmount great difficulties in preparing it for cultivation. These difficulties he attacked with the high resolution which always characterized him, and in a few years he cleared away much of the forest, brought the prairies under the dominion of the plow, and from the wilderness began to reap the hard-earned



SAMUEL HUNT.



MRS. MARTHA HUNT.

fruits of toil. In addition to farming he became to some extent interested in raising and feeding stock, in which he achieved a fair proportion of success; and he also engaged largely in buying and selling farm property, at one time being the owner of approximately eight hundred acres in Des Moines county. He continued to reside on the land where he first settled until the time of his death, in November, 1889. The demise of his wife occurred Dec. 9, 1885. Both were members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and were earnest and helpful workers in that denomination. To them were born twelve children, of whom our subject is the eldest, and the others are in order of age as follows: Sally, wife of Mr. McCash; Mary Louise, wife of Mr. Harris; Samuel B., of Burlington township; John McGee, of Illinois; Jesse Buchanan, also of Illinois; Elizabeth, wife of Mr. Walden; Lydia Mildred; Douglas; Lillian, wife of Mr. Leak; Lucy, wife of Mr. Mast; and Esther. The father of this family was a man of wide acquaintance, and as a leading member of the Democratic party of his day was frequently elected to public office, holding at various times most of the positions within the gift of his township.

Charles W. Hunt is indebted to the district schools for his early knowledge of books, and at the age of seventeen years he became a student in the Baptist College at Burlington, where he followed a course of study occupying two terms. Upon the conclusion of his education he returned to the farm, assisting his father until his twenty-first year, when he inaugurated his independent career by renting land and beginning farming operations on his own account. Thus he passed the first two years of his manhood, but in the spring of 1862, in com-

pany with five young men of the neighborhood, he crossed the plains to the Territory of Idaho, taking four years for the trip. They were drawn thither by the excitement and consequent prosperity attending the discovery of gold on Salmon River. For two years after his arrival Mr. Hunt engaged in freighting in the gold district, and met with great pecuniary success; but in the following two years he invested extensively in mining stocks. This, however, proved unprofitable. In February, 1866, he returned to Iowa to resume his former occupation of farming, and on Christmas day, 1866, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Elizabeth Burge, daughter of Samuel and Martha (Wootten) Burge. Mr. Burge was a native of Maryland, being a son of Adam and Elizabeth Burge, and was born in 1813. His father was a minister of the Methodist church. Samuel Burge grew to manhood in Virginia, learned the cabinet-maker's trade, and in early life traveled about considerably, but finally settled in Tennessee, where he met and married his wife, who was a native of Nashville, being born in 1821. In 1847, a few years after their marriage, they came to Des Moines county, and established their home in Burlington, where Mr. Burge opened a retail furniture shop on Jefferson Street, doing all kinds of repair work for many years. To Mr. and Mrs. Burge were born seven children: William is a railroad man living in Kansas City; John is also a resident of Kansas City; Samuel died in California at the age of forty-eight years; C. W., of Burlington, is a railroad man; Anna, deceased; Thomas, deceased. Mrs. Burge died in Burlington, July 8, 1859. Several years after the death of his wife, Mr. Burge moved to Kansas City, where he again engaged in the furni-

ture business, continuing at it for many years. Retiring from business, he turned his estate over to his sons, and died in Kansas City, Oct. 8, 1892. Mr. and Mrs. Burge were both members of the Methodist church, and all of their children were reared in that faith.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hunt have been born three sons and one daughter, as follows: Samuel Edgar, who married Miss Smith; Charles William, Jr., who is at home; Harry Walter, also a member of the parental household; and Eunice Ethel, wife of E. W. Smith. The year following his marriage Mr. Hunt purchased a small farm, consisting of forty-five acres, and in addition to this rented about one hundred and sixty acres, which he cultivated. He has always farmed at least two hundred acres, and uniform success has enabled him to increase his first purchase, so that at the present time he is the owner of two hundred and sixty acres, excellently improved, and comprising some of the finest and most productive agricultural land in Union township or Des Moines county. He has always been an admirer of high-grade horses and cattle, and has his farm well stocked with fine animals. He has engaged to some extent in cattle raising and feeding, always with success, and has given much thought and care to the development of a fine orchard, which now graces his farm and yields an important annual revenue. The work of the farm has absorbed the greater portion of his attention, and although he has been a student of political questions, always acting with the Democratic party, in whose main tenets he is a thorough believer, he has never been an aspirant for public office, finding ample employment in keeping his farm up to the high standard which he has set for it. He is

cheerful and genial, an obliging neighbor and a loyal friend, widely known and popular. Mr. and Mrs. Hunt attend and support the Methodist Episcopal church.

THOMAS STIVERS.

THOMAS STIVERS, publisher of the *Evening Gazette* at Burlington, is a native of Pomeroy, Meigs county, Ohio, and was born in 1844. His father, Aaron Stivers, was descended from an old Holland family that was established in America in the early part of the seventeenth century. The great-grandfather was a soldier of the Revolutionary War, and the grandfather was a soldier of the War of 1812. Aaron Stivers was a civil engineer, and probably surveyed the first railroad line constructed in Iowa, this being prior to 1844. He was identified with railroad construction many years, thus contributing toward the development of the State. As the years passed, and he saw opportunity for judicious investment, he purchased lands and acquired considerable property. When the family came to the West in 1876 the home was established in Osceola, but Mr. Stivers spent his last days in Afton, Iowa, where he died in 1895. His son Henry built the old narrow-gauge railroad, extending between Des Moines and Gainesville, Mo., and was its general superintendent and manager for several years. In this line the father was also interested. Henry Stivers is now a banker and farmer at Osceola, Iowa, thus being closely connected with the business interests of that locality. A daughter, Jennie Stivers, became the wife of S. M. Leach, of Adel, Iowa, who was one of the World's Fair

commissioners and a member of the Republican State central committee. He is connected with financial interests at Adel as president of a bank there. A half-sister of our subject, Susie Stivers, is living at Osceola, Iowa, and for many years was principal of the Afton Normal School. The mother of Thomas Stivers died when twenty-eight years of age, and the father afterward married Miss Sophronia Cole, who is living in Osceola with her daughter Susie.

Thomas Stivers spent his early youth in his native village, began his education there, and after completing the high-school course also enjoyed the advantages of academic instruction. At the age of sixteen years he entered a printing office and learned the printer's trade, and between the years 1870 and 1884 he devoted his time and energies to newspaper work in Atchison, Kans., being city editor of the *Atchison Champion* and also owner of the *Atchison Patriot*. At length he disposed of his newspaper interests in that city and removed to Leavenworth, Kans., where he built a mule street-car line. This he equipped and controlled for a time, but eventually sold that property and removed to Burlington in 1887. Here he purchased the *Burlington Gazette*, a daily paper, which at that time had a city circulation of only five hundred and sixty-two. The paper had been established in 1836. It has had a remarkable evolution, keeping in touch with the progressive spirit of journalism. The paper has had a continuous existence from territorial days, having been established in Burlington when the city was known as a part of the Black Hawk Purchase, its owners being Cyrus Jacobs, a young lawyer, and James Clarke, a practical printer.

Various changes occurred in ownership as the years passed, and among its editors and publishers have been many men who have attained State and National reputations in connection with public interests. In the decade preceding the Civil War the *Gazette* was the State organ of the Democratic party and the champion of the Iowa senators, Hon. A. C. Dodge and Hon. G. W. Jones, ably defending them through the great struggle of the Kansas-Nebraska act. Up to this time the *Gazette* had been published as a weekly paper, but in 1853 the tri-weekly issue was begun; and after Iowa became a State the name of the paper was changed to the *Iowa State Gazette*. Different men purchased, owned, and controlled the paper, and different changes occurred in the name. It was on June 1, 1867, that the word Argos, which then formed a part of the title, was dropped, the paper becoming known only as the *Gazette*. On Sept. 24, 1874, the Gazette Printing Company was organized, and in 1887 Mr. Stivers and his associates purchased the paper with all its franchise and good-will. Its equipment at that time was of the most primitive, with a noticeable absence of improved machinery, and its entire circulation by mail and carrier was less than one thousand copies. Since then improvements have been continuously made, until the *Gazette* office has no equal in equipment in this country in a city of the size of Burlington. It is a practical demonstrator of the acme of modern invention.

In 1904 occurred changes, nearly fifty thousand dollars being invested in machinery and material for the publication of its papers. Under the management of Mr. Stivers a new press, the Goss straight-line, has been installed. It is a double-deck perfecting press, turning out twenty-five

thousand folded, printed *Gazettes* in an hour. There is also a battery of Mergenthaler linotype machines, with all necessary equipments for publishing a modern evening daily. The paper has also been a financial success, and the circulation in the city now exceeds thirty-eight hundred copies, and there is also a large outside patronage. The paper has always been the champion of Democracy, upholding the principles of Jefferson, Madison, and other old-time leaders of the party. It is now the champion of sound-money Democracy, having supported Palmer and Buckner, and in the recent campaign Parker and Davis. The *Gazette* is furnished with the associated press dispatches, and in addition has a large and efficient corps of reporters throughout the State gathering the news that will be of the greatest interest to Iowa readers.

Mr. Stivers has always been active and influential in politics, doing much for his party aside from the strong influence which he exercises in connection with the publication of the *Gazette*. He attends to the conventions of his party, yet has never sought or desired political preferment.

Mr. Stivers was married in Pomeroy, Ohio, in 1870, to Miss Frances Metcalf, of McConnellsville, Ohio, and they have one son, George, who is now business manager of the *Gazette*. They lost a daughter, who was the wife of W. G. Coffin, and died at Memphis, Tenn., leaving a son, Joseph, who is now living with his grandfather. The family home of Mr. and Mrs. Stivers is at 1122 Smith Street. Mr. Stivers is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Commercial Club of Burlington, and the Golf Club. He is a man of marked business tact, a representative journalist, wide-awake, alert, and enterprising, regard-

ing his field of activity not only as a business but as a profession, giving broad scope not only for the acquirement of a financial reward, but also for the exercise of a good influence.

THOMAS T. EVANS.

On the pages of the pioneer history of Des Moines county appears the name of Thomas T. Evans, who assisted materially in the early development of this part of the State, and aided in reclaiming the wild land for the purposes of civilization. A native of Wales, he was born about 1800, and acquired his education in the public schools of that land. He afterward learned the weaver's trade, becoming an expert in that department of labor. He wove in all colors and designs, and because of his superior ability was able to command good positions. He was married in his native country to Miss Mary Morris, who was also born in the little rock-ribbed land of Wales, her natal year being 1804.

Desirous, however, of enjoying the better business opportunities of the New World, and the higher wages here paid, Thomas T. Evans crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1833, settling first at Ruscancee, N. Y., where with his wife and three children he established his home. They crossed the Atlantic on the old sailing vessel, "Sidol," which several years afterward was lost at sea, and nine weeks had been added to the cycle of the centuries before anchor was dropped in the harbor of New York. About 1835 the family went from the Empire State to Portage county, Ohio, where the father

engaged in the transfer or teaming business, making trips from Portage county to Pittsburg. His residence in the Buckeye State covered about nine years, after which he came to Des Moines county, Iowa.

It was in May, 1845, that Mr. Evans arrived in this State. He purchased forty acres of land, and later he entered one hundred and sixty acres from the government, through the medium of a Mexican land warrant which had been granted to a soldier of the Mexican war in recognition of his service, the soldier selling the same to Mr. Evans. In this way the latter became owner of a quarter section in Washington township, about a half mile west of the boundary line of Yellow Springs township. His son, Moses, also bought eighty acres in the same neighborhood, but in the spring of 1850 he went to California, attracted by the discovery of gold on the Pacific Coast. Later he returned to his farm, bringing with him about two thousand dollars which he had made in the mines of the West. He died in Des Moines county in 1854, leaving his property to his father, and this was the family homestead until the death of the parents.

Mr. Evans was an enterprising agriculturist, placing his land under a high state of cultivation, and living a busy, useful, and active life. He died in 1855, and within a week his wife and two daughters passed away, Catherine Sophia being then sixteen years of age, while Mary Augusta was fourteen years old. John Jones, an old-time friend of Mr. Evans who had lost his wife in Des Moines county and afterward resided in different places, contracted the cholera, and Mr. Evans, out

of the kindness of his heart, went to nurse him during that illness. He then returned home, bringing with him the dreaded disease, and he and his wife and daughters all succumbed to it. There was only one other death from cholera in the locality, a girl by the name of Virgin.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans were the parents of ten children: Elizabeth, a resident of Portland, Ore., is now the widow of William P. Jones, who died in 1896; Moses, died when twenty-four years of age; Henry; Ann, married Frederick Gowdy, of this county, and died in 1878; James Grimes, died at Salenas, Cal., in July, 1903; Catherine Sophia, died of cholera; Mary Augusta, whose death was occasioned by the same disease; Joseph, died in Des Moines county in July, 1867, at the age of twenty-two years; Jane, died in San Francisco, Cal., in 1903, being survived by her husband, Andrew Gartley, a former resident of Burlington, Iowa; and Thomas Charles, living in Winona county, Iowa.

Henry Evans, to whom we are indebted for the history of Thomas T. Evans and his family, was born April 8, 1832, in Wales, and was therefore only about a year old when his parents came to America. He pursued his education in the schools of Ohio and of Des Moines county, Iowa, and for a time was a student in the public schools of Burlington. In 1853 he went to California, sailing from New York on the steamer "Star of the West," by way of Nicaragua, and was engaged in mining there when he received the sad news of the death of his father, mother, and two sisters. It was accompanied by an appeal for him to return home, which

he did by way of Panama, for he was left the eldest of the family, and naturally the obligation of caring for the younger members fell upon him. He therefore returned to Iowa, and took charge of the old home place, and of his younger brothers and sisters. He continued the management and operation of the home farm, there residing for six years.

Dec. 12, 1861, he was married to Miss Catherine Williams, a daughter of W. W. and Margaret (Owens) Williams. Mr. Evans brought his bride to the old homestead, and finally purchased the interest of the other heirs in the property, continuing to reside thereon until he purchased an additional tract of one hundred and sixty acres. Upon this quarter section he erected a new and commodious residence, residing here until his retirement from business life in 1892, when he then removed to Mount Pleasant. He owns an extensive tract of land, which is devoted largely to the raising of stock, making a specialty of Hereford cattle and Poland China hogs. This place is operated by Merrett T. Evans.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans's children were: Margaret Ann, who died in 1898; Austin J.; Will H.; Merrett; Augusta; Laura, wife of A. W. Miller; Bertha, died at the age of five years; and one that died in infancy. The family have all attended the Iowa Wesleyan University and are Methodists.

Mr. Evans was elected township trustee on three different occasions on the Republican ticket, and he has always been a stanch advocate of the principles of the party. Almost his entire life has been passed in this county, where he located when a lad of twelve years, and he

has therefore witnessed the many changes that have occurred here as the locality has put off the evidences of frontier life and taken on all the improvements of a modern civilization. His business affairs were capably managed, and his close application, frugality, strong purpose, and laudable ambition enabled him, as the years passed by, to add annually to his income. He is now one of the extensive land owners of the county, and leaving the care of his farms to others, he is now enjoying a well-earned rest.

MERRETT THOMAS EVANS.

ONE of the most prominent and progressive of the younger farmers of Des Moines county is Merrett T. Evans, now living in Washington township. Upon the farm where he yet resides he was born Jan. 16, 1876, his parents being Henry and Catherine (Williams) Evans, who are living retired in Mount Pleasant. The family was established here in pioneer times by the grandfather, Thomas T. Evans, a native of Wales.

The subject of this review pursued his early education in the district schools, and afterward entered the Iowa Wesleyan University at Mount Pleasant. He was also a student in the high school, and in the college at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, being a graduate of the former. His education completed, he returned to the old home farm and began its development. He is now in control of an extensive tract of land of nine hundred and eighty acres in Washington and Yellow Springs townships, Des Moines county. Here he is

engaged in the breeding and raising of cattle, having about one hundred and fifty head upon his place each year. He also feeds about the same number of hogs, and his stock-dealing interests are bringing him very gratifying success.

Sept. 14, 1897, Mr. Evans was married to Miss Florence Bowman, a daughter of Henry Bowman, and they now have four children: Henry, born Aug. 10, 1898; Dorothy, born Feb. 9, 1900; Tom, born July 12, 1902; and Mary Frances, born Aug. 25, 1904.

Mr. Evans, as the result of his study and consideration of the political issues and questions of the country, has given his support to the Republican party. He belongs to the Alpha Beta society, a Greek letter fraternity with which he became connected while attending college at Mount Pleasant. He also belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, and is now serving on its official board. He is a young man of strong purpose, laudable ambition, and determined will, qualities which are always essential in a successful business career, and in the control of extensive farming and stock-raising interests he displays excellent business ability and executive force.

SAMUEL H. F. WILSON.

SAMUEL H. F. WILSON, one of the venerable citizens of Franklin township, was born in Moundsville, near Wheeling, W. Va.,—then a part of Virginia,—June 30, 1827, and when a youth of eight years was brought to Iowa by his mother in 1835. He is a son of George and Rebecca (Parrott) Wilson. The father was born in the east-

ern part of West Virginia, and throughout his entire life followed the occupation of farming. His death, however, occurred in Virginia when he was thirty-two years of age, his son Samuel being at that time a young lad of seven summers. He was a member of the Methodist church, his life was honorable and upright, and in his business undertakings he prospered, being recognized as one of the enterprising and progressive agriculturists of his community. His political allegiance was given to the Whig party. His remains were interred at Moundsville, Va.

The following year the mother brought her family to Iowa. She was born in Berkeley county, Virginia, and was educated in the common schools of her native State. Her parents were William and Susan (Turner) Parrott. Her father was a farmer and slave-owner of West Virginia, and a very prominent and influential man in that State, where his death occurred. Mrs. Parrott afterward came to Iowa. She had a family of nine children, all of whom accompanied her to this State in 1836. She brought the first slave into Burlington, and freed him here, and continued a resident of Burlington until her death. For a short time she conducted what was then called the Wisconsin Hotel, but the name was afterward changed to the Mansion House. It stood on the northeast corner of Columbia and Main Streets, and the location is now used as a restaurant. On disposing of the hotel business, Mrs. Parrott went to West Burlington, and her death occurred in 1851, when she had reached the advanced age of seventy years. She had three sons and six daughters, all of whom have now passed away, namely: Christopher C.; Lawson S.; William; Mrs. Rebecca Wil-

son; Mary Ann, who married Aaron Phillips; Martha, who became the wife of Thomas Baltzer; Isabella, the wife of William F. Johnson; Jane, the wife of Robert Chalfant; and Elizabeth, who married Shepherd Loeffler. All became residents of this county, and were prominent to a greater or less extent in business life and public interests, but all have now passed away. Mrs. Wilson, coming with her two sons to Des Moines county, located in Burlington, where she lived until her death.

For her second husband, Mrs. Wilson married Charles Madera, then a resident of Burlington, and one of the early settlers of the county, who became a man of marked prominence and influence in his community. For some years he served as judge of the probate court, and was afterward county treasurer, filling the latter position at the time of his death. He acted as probate judge from 1837 until 1842, and during that period had charge of every estate settled at that time. Various positions of trust and responsibility were conferred upon him, and he was widely known for his fidelity and reliability. He was recognized as a leader in political matters, and had the entire confidence of his fellow-men, even those who differed from him in political views respecting him for his honesty and worth. His business career was equally notable. He was engaged with Shepherd Loeffler in the dry-goods business at Burlington for a number of years, and built and owned the first saw-mill on Flint River. He passed away when about fifty years of age, and Mrs. Madera died at the age of fifty-one years in Burlington. She held membership in the Methodist church, in which she was an active and devoted worker. His fraternal relations were with

the Odd Fellows Society, and in the lodge, in public life, and in his social relations he was esteemed for his genuine worth. By this marriage there were a daughter and four sons, but only one is now living.

Samuel H. F. Wilson and his only brother, Joseph A. Wilson, remained with their mother after her second marriage, making their home with Mr. and Mrs. Madera while they lived.

Mr. Wilson, of this review, was educated in the common schools of Burlington, and he and his brother were among the early pupils of Mrs. Sheldon, who taught one of the first schools in the city, and was well known as "Mother Sheldon." When sixteen years of age he entered upon his business career as a salesman in the dry-goods store of John R. Campbell & Company, with whom he remained for some years, and then began clerking for H. H. Scott & Company, in whose employ he continued until 1850. He next went to California, where he engaged in mining for some years, and he also carried on the stock business, buying and selling cattle and horses. He returned to Burlington in 1856, and after a short stay in that city, again made his way to the West. He was wagon-master for Majors Russell and Waddel during the Mormon war in Utah, continuing with the army throughout the Mormon troubles until 1860. He then engaged in freighting, transporting freight by ox-teams from Nebraska City to Denver, it requiring thirty days to make that trip. The winter of 1859 was spent in Denver, and the next spring he took a train of twenty-seven wagons and hauled lumber for the express company, the lumber being used in the building of stations along the express line for a distance of three hundred miles. In

1860 he returned to Iowa, where he remained until the following year.

When the country became engaged in the Civil War, Mr. Wilson, his patriotic spirit aroused, offered his services to the government, enlisting at Burlington in Company C, First Iowa Cavalry, with which he spent three years and four months, receiving an honorable discharge at Davenport, where he was also mustered out. He was stationed most of the time in Mississippi, and took part in a number of important battles and skirmishes. His only brother, Joseph, who was a harnessmaker by trade, was also in the army, and died at St. Louis, Mo. When the war was over he returned to Burlington, where he engaged in the feed and livery business for about two years, and then conducted a dairy and engaged in farming in Franklin township on the place where he now resides. He has made all of the improvements upon this farm. His original house was destroyed by a cyclone in 1890, and during the summer the family lived in tents until the new residence was erected. For the last forty years, Mr. Wilson has been engaged successfully and extensively in the breeding of Poland China hogs, and his stock has taken many premiums at the State and county fairs. He has one hundred and sixty acres in the home place, and the farm is valuable because of the care and labor which he has bestowed upon it and the practical and modern methods which he has followed.

Mr. Wilson was married in 1865 to Mrs. Lydia Upton, née Eagle. Her mother has been three times married, her second husband being Levi Gridley, and her third husband, Hezekiah Archer. She is now more than ninety-eight years of age, and makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Wilson.

By their marriage eight children have been born: George, who died in infancy; Dan, who resides upon the home farm; Fannie, the wife of Ernest Starbuck, a wood-turner of Peoria, Ill., by whom she has two children, Daisy W. and Julian B.; Susan, who died at the age of seventeen years; Nellie, who died at the age of two years; Sam, who is engaged in the hotel business in Kansas City; Fred, who is operating the home farm; and Daisy, the wife of E. H. Lutton, of Mediapolis, Iowa.

Mr. Wilson votes with the Republican party, which stood by the Union in the dark days of the Civil War, and has always been the party of reform and progress. In all matters of citizenship he is as loyal to his country as when he wore the blue uniform of the nation. He has never sought to figure prominently in public life, however, preferring to give his attention to his business interests, and as an agriculturist has won creditable success, becoming the owner of a valuable farm. His life history has been a varied one, and during his service on the plains and on the battle-fields of the South he has had many interesting and exciting experiences, which, if written in detail, would prove the old adage that "truth is stranger than fiction." He is now living amid comfortable surroundings, spending the evening of his days in quiet upon the home farm, and is one of the respected and worthy residents of Franklin township.

GEORGE SWENY.

ONE who has for a long term of years occupied a prominent place in the development and material and spiritual progress of Burlington is George Sweney, who was born

in Warren county, Ohio, Oct. 28, 1820, a son of Robert and Mary (King) Sweny, the father being of Pennsylvania birth and Scotch extraction, while the mother was a native of Virginia and was of German and English parentage. Both laid down the burden of life at Lebanon, Ohio, and are there buried. The father, who passed the greater part of his active life as a miller, was a veteran of the War of 1812, in which he served as a lieutenant in the army of General Hull, and participated in the surrender near Put-in-Bay, in Lake Erie. Two brothers of our subject were soldiers of the Civil War, one of whom held the rank of lieutenant, and lost his life by falling from a boat and drowning. The other brother, James, now of the Soldier's National Home of Kansas, had one son in the Spanish-American War.

Mr. Sweny's early years were passed in acquiring an education in the public schools and in the work of his father's large farm, the sugar camp, the saw-mill, and the grist-mill, and at the same time he learned the trade of cabinet-making, at which he continued to work with much success for fifteen years. In the spring of 1845 he wedded Miss Margery J. Scarff, by whom he had one child, Joanna Janetta, who died in Burlington at the age of five years. Mrs. Sweny, who was of Quaker parentage, died about the year 1852 in Kenton, Ohio, and was buried in Xenia, Ohio, her old home.

From 1845 to 1849 Mr. Sweny was engaged in the drug business in Xenia, at the end of that time removing to Kenton, where he resided until 1853, engaged in drug and jewelry business. The latter year is the date of his removing to Burlington. Shortly after coming to the West he purchased an interest in J. W. Price's drug

store, but the partnership lasted for only two or three years, the business being conducted during that period at the corner of Washington and Third Streets under the style of Price & Sweny. On severing this relation by the sale of his interest, Mr. Sweny engaged in the insurance business, which he carried on in connection with extensive real estate and loan operations. He also served as receiver for several firms, in this capacity having charge of numerous concerns in bankruptcy. His investments in real estate were very large. He purchased a farm and much suburban property, nearly all in its primitive wooded state, the latter of which he platted under the names of Sweny's and the Highland Additions to Burlington, these comprising in all about thirty acres. The additions lie next the Mississippi River, in the southern portion of the city, and include some of the finest residence property in Burlington. Always public-spirited, he labored earnestly for fifteen years to secure the opening and improvement of South Main Street to the present city limits, and finally, upon the city council's offer to open the street provided half the estimated cost be borne by those directly interested, he took personal charge of the matter, and by diligent and unremitting labor raised and collected subscriptions to the required amount, four thousand five hundred dollars. He was also instrumental in securing the building of the street-car line into that part of the city, and built some fifteen or twenty residences in Sweny's Addition, paving all the sidewalks abutting his property on Main Street, and otherwise improving the addition, thus becoming a benefactor of the southern part of the city, and doing perhaps more than any other one man to aid and encourage its development.

At Burlington on Feb. 11, 1868, Mr. Sweny was united in marriage to Miss Mary H. Pine, who was born in New Jersey, but was reared and educated in Philadelphia, the daughter of Ebenezer Pine, of New York. Mrs. Sweny's father was in Philadelphia a wholesale and retail merchant, and both he and his wife, who before marriage was Naomi Higbee, of New Jersey, were of old English Quaker stock, the Higbee family in America having been founded by seven brothers who immigrated together from England and settled at Higbeeville in New Jersey. Mrs. Sweny's great-grandfather Brannon was a noted Quaker preacher, while on the other hand her great-grandfather Higbee so far disregarded the tenets of his sect at one time during the Revolutionary War as to enlist for a time in the patriot army, with the design, however, of protecting his own home, and it may be further urged in extenuation that he was then a young man. Pine Street in the city of Philadelphia was named for the family of which Mrs. Sweny is a member.

Reared in the Quaker faith, the wife of our subject united in 1868 with the Methodist Episcopal church, of which she has ever since been a faithful and consistent member. Mr. Sweny himself has been a member and a worker in that denomination since the age of sixteen, and almost continuously since that time he has been a member of the official board, serving at different times on the respective boards of the three Methodist Episcopal bodies of Burlington. He is a member of Grace Methodist Episcopal church, in the movement for whose erection he was a leader, and it was Mrs. Sweny who chose its name, bestowing upon it that of Grace Episcopal

church of New York, in which city she had relatives. While making his residence at Xenia, Ohio, Mr. Sweny served on the church's official board, was class leader, steward, and trustee, and was likewise engaged and connected while at Kenton, where much of the time he was also superintendent of the Sunday-school. In the organization of the Sunday-school assembly and camp-meeting of Bluff Park at Montrose, Iowa, he took an active part, and to his efforts is largely due the celebrated artesian well that is such an attractive and popular feature of the grounds. He still maintains a cottage at the park, and for many years was accustomed to spend a portion of the season there. As one of the board of trustees and a member of the various committees of the association, he has given much time, money, and earnest effort to advance its interests. At one period he was president of the association, member of the board of trustees, and at the same time was serving upon eight different committees, these being the committee on grounds, finance, transportation, sale of lots, artesian well, sanitarium, old institute property and the executive committee. He has ever been a most generous supporter of all religious movements, giving freely of his substance to the churches, and offering his financial aid in all departments of their work.

In the early days of Iowa's development Mr. Sweny bought a great deal of prairie land in different places, and laid out towns on the sites thus selected, laying out in this manner a number of now flourishing county-seat towns and owning much property outside of Burlington, particularly at Afton. But his interests are now almost exclusively in this city, where he is still

largely interested in real estate, owning practically all of the Sweny Addition and a number of lots and some very handsome residence buildings in the Highland Addition. Besides his activities in real estate, he was one of the organizers of the Merchants National Bank of Burlington, in which he is a stockholder and director, and it may be said that the institution owes much to the benefit of his advice and counsel.

In his fraternal connection, Mr. Sweny is a member of Washington Lodge, No. 1, Independent Order Odd Fellows, having been affiliated with the order continuously since 1853, when he became a member at Kenton, Ohio. He has also been a member of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, and a number of years ago was elected and served as its grand chaplain.

His political faith is that of the Republican party, of which he has been an ardent supporter since its organization. He was a delegate from Ohio to the national convention at Niagara Falls, N. Y., which placed General Winfield Scott in nomination for the presidency of the United States. As one taking a prominent part in politics of the time, he became personally acquainted with many famous men, including General Corse, Governor Gear, and Judge Newman, and was an intimate friend of Senator Harlan, who, after the removal of Mr. Sweny to Iowa, secured for him an appointment to a departmental office at Washington, where he served during a session of Congress.

Mr. and Mrs. Sweny have a beautiful home, one of the earliest in that part of the city, at 113 Clay Street, built by Mr. Sweny in 1876, the year of the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia, which they attended,

and here they have resided ever since, the center of a generous and courtly hospitality. They have reared two children, the daughter and son of Mrs. Sweny's sister, these being Anna L. Browne, now wife of H. W. Buford, Chicago, who has one son, Joseph Browne; Buford and Harry G. Browne, the latter of whom, now conducting a successful commission business at Omaha, Nebr., married Miss Lena Nissen, and has two children, Clarissa and Ward Livingston.

Our subject retains many interesting and instructive memories of the early days of Burlington, and mentions especially that Prospect Hill, on which now stand many of the city's finest residences, was then almost entirely covered with underbrush and woods, and having but two dwellings upon its whole extent, was a favorite resort of picnic parties. For his part in her upbuilding and advancement along many lines, the city of Burlington owes him much. He not only deserves the high credit which belongs to the title of self-made man, to which he has an indubitable right, but he is justly the recipient of much honor from all who know him because he has helped many others. Utterly unselfish in all that he has done, he has never sought private gain at public expense, but has proved himself an altruist by lifelong devotion to the general welfare, seeking to confer upon all the material and spiritual benefits which his broad human sympathy will not allow him to arrogate to his own use alone. Such a life is a blessing to any city, and is a credit to American ideals of citizenship and Christian manhood.

That Mr. Sweny possesses business and executive ability of a remarkable order, the

great success he has achieved is ample proof, for his accomplishment in the field of practical affairs is beyond all praise, and has elicited universal commendation. That such a man should have many true and devoted friends is almost a matter of course, and this pleasure he enjoys in an eminent degree. But when the facts of his life are sifted and weighed, it will be found that the most important thing of all is not the success he has achieved by reason of his great natural gifts and determined personality, not the friendship, admiration, and applause of his fellow-men, not even the benefits he has directly conferred upon others, but the eternal potency for good which exhales from his life as a whole, the supreme benefit of his example to generations yet to come, the fact that he has been broad-minded, charitable, and self-reliant,—a cultured gentleman, a Christian, and a true man.

WILLIAM VAUGHAN LLOYD.

WILLIAM VAUGHAN LLOYD has had the honor of serving his city as councilman for two years, has been an esteemed member of the schoolboard for several terms, and is the valued cashier of the State Bank of Mediapolis. He is the son of William H. and Cordelia (Tupper) Lloyd, and was born July 30, 1861, in Brooklyn, Queens county, New York. When he was quite a small lad his parents came West, and located in Washington county, Iowa, where he first entered upon his school duties. After finishing the common schools of his county, he pursued his studies in a business college in Iowa, and obtained a full knowledge

of all branches of business, doing justice both to himself and to his teachers.

For the next ten years he held the responsible position of bookkeeper in the National Bank at Brighton, Iowa, giving great satisfaction to his employers, who were very fond of him. In 1891 the State Bank of Mediapolis was organized, and Mr. Lloyd was chosen as the honored cashier of the same, which position he has held ever since, reflecting great credit upon himself by the manner in which he has always conducted this office of trust in behalf of his superiors.

Aug. 4, 1884, Mr. Lloyd was married to Miss Ella T. Parson, the bright and attractive daughter of R. F. and Lucinda (Middleton) Parson, of Brighton, Iowa. This happy union has been blessed with four children: Vaughan E., an assistant in the bank with his father; Teresa, student in the high school; Cordelia, a student in the grammar schools; and little Doris, at home.

Mrs. Lloyd is a prominent and influential member of the Presbyterian church, always contributing liberally to the support of the same. Mr. Lloyd has been a strong Republican ever since he was old enough to discriminate for himself, in which party he takes a very active interest; it, in return, has so appreciated his ability as to place him at the head of several positions of trust. He is now treasurer of the school board, of which he has been a member for one term; has served as city councilman for one term of two years; and in 1889, he was elected to the responsible office of treasurer of the town, which he filled with great care and accuracy till 1898. Mr. Lloyd is also identified with the Mediapolis Lodge of

Independent Order Odd Fellows, being a respected member for some years.

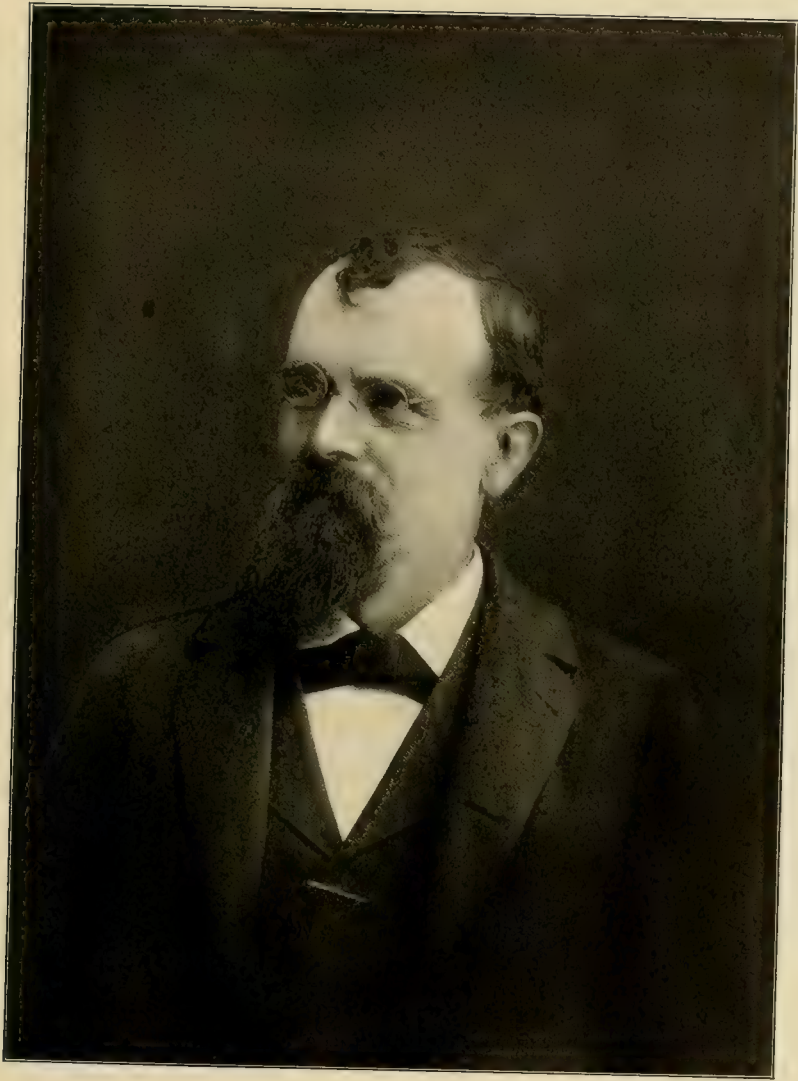
There is perhaps no man better known and better acquainted in the whole city of Mediapolis, or throughout the entire township, than is our subject. The various important and responsible positions he has held fully denotes with what confidence and respect he is regarded. His courteous, gentlemanly, and accommodating manner to every one, young or old, rich or poor, has made him a long list of true friends and admirers of which any man might well be proud. His great success in life has been largely due to his own efforts, and his record for truth, uprightness, and constant activity will serve as a worthy example to the young.

ULRICH ITA.

ULRICH ITA, President and Manager of the Embalming Burial Case Company, of Burlington, was born in Stamheim, Switzerland, a son of Melchoir Ita, a native of Switzerland, who for eighteen years ran a government stage between Stamheim and Frauenfeld, a distance of about twelve miles. The father of our subject died in 1859, and the mother, who before marriage was Margaret Marthaler, in 1862, they being survived by seven children, as follows: Elizabeth, wife of Jacon Mueller, of Switzerland; Melchoir, who died in 1869 at Fort Madison; Margaret, widow of F. Deutsch, of Switzerland; Ulrich, the subject of this review; Conrad, who came to Burlington with our subject, and is now associated with him in business; Heinrich, of Vienna, Austria, who is a celebrated hat

manufacturer, supplying his product to all parts of the world, and employing approximately two hundred people; and Godfrey, also of Vienna.

In his native city Mr. Ita was educated in the common and high schools, and after the completion of his formal training served an apprenticeship of two and a half years to the trade of cabinet-making. He then worked as a journeyman for a period of four years through Switzerland and France, and in 1868 arrived at a decision, which he immediately executed, to come to America to take advantage of the broader opportunities of the New World. In the same year he located in Burlington, and for approximately four years worked as a carpenter. He now relates, as a matter of interest to those who have since watched his great progress, and are cognizant of his present position, that during this period he assisted in the building of the residences of E. D. Rand and Mayor Adams, two of the finest in the city. Later Mr. Ita became foreman of the Daniel Winters planing mill, occupying that place for about five years, or until he became associated with Mr. Robert Wolf in the furniture manufacturing business. This firm, known as Wolf & Ita, occupied the present location of the Leopold Desk Company, where they erected the first brick building upon the site. In 1881, Mr. Ita's health having suffered considerably from his close application to the exacting duties of business during the last few years previous to that time, he sold his interest in the manufacturing enterprise to Mr. Wolf, and returned to Europe for a temporary stay. His trip abroad proved beneficial, and on his return here in 1882 he again entered active business, becoming a stockholder in the Embalming Burial Case



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Company, a corporation dating from 1876, and assuming the management of its plant. On the death of Dr. Bailey he was made president and manager, and the other officers of the corporation are Conrad Ita, secretary and treasurer, and five directors, Ulrich Ita, Conrad Ita, Helen Ita, and Winfield Bailey.

The Embalming Burial Case Company are manufacturers and jobbers of all kinds of undertakers' supplies, and about thirty workmen and office assistants are employed, besides five traveling salesmen. Before the building of the present modern structure, the business was conducted in the stone building at the corner of Eighth and Jefferson Streets, now occupied by the Iowa Grain and Provision Company. The present factory site, which has two hundred feet front, is located at 1105 Agency Street, and since the management was vested in Mr. Ita, the plant has been enlarged, comprising a four-story brick warehouse 50 x 120 ft., a machinery building and engine room 160 x 60 ft., of brick, and one story in height; a frame drying house 18 x 40 ft., and a lumber shed 50 x 60 ft. in dimensions. The business is one of the most successful in this line anywhere in the West, and it is almost exclusively to the faithful efforts and great ability of Mr. Ita that its large prosperity is due, he devoting his whole time to its advancement and welfare, and bringing to the performance of his task an energy that surmounts and overcomes all obstacles. The plant, which is a model one in every respect, was constructed in fulfillment of his ideas and plans. It has steam heat throughout, and is well lighted, ventilated, and cared for.

In Burlington, in 1873, Mr. Ita wedded Miss Julia Shupert, who died in 1874, and

to them was born one child, U. Ita, now of Chattanooga, Tenn. He has since remarried, having been united in marriage in 1876 to Miss Carolina Bergman, of Burlington, and they reside at 1107 Agency Street. To Mr. and Mrs. Ita have been born four children; Helen, Arnold C., Godfrey J., and Walter H., all of whom have been given the best of educational advantages, including the privileges of the public schools of Burlington and Elliott's Business College. The father of Mrs. Ita was by trade a stone-mason, but both parents, who were of German descent, are now deceased, although she has in Burlington one sister, Mrs. Augusta Lippert.

Mr. Ita is vitally connected with the springs of industry in his adopted city, and among his other activities is a stockholder and director of the German-American Savings Bank. Fraternally, he is a member of Excelsior Lodge, Independent Order Odd Fellows, and his religious connection is with Zion Evangelical church, in whose work he takes a prominent part. He is one of the men to whom Burlington owes much in the way of industrial progress and conservative enterprise, so that his name stands high upon the roll of her benefactors, while his great personal worth has made him a host of friends.

Mr. Ita in the summer of 1905 again visited his native land, accompanied by his wife, and enjoyed a well-merited rest from business cares.

LOREN B. BURNHAM.

LOREN B. BURNHAM, who is engaged in the real estate and loan business, and was the organizer of the Republican Club of Burlington, was born in Paola, Kans.,

Feb. 17, 1806, and is descended from New England ancestry. The history of the family at even a more remote period is ascertainable, for it is definitely known that there were four brothers of the name of Burnham who came from England to the New World in the seventeenth century, established their homes in this country, and founded families whose descendants are now found in various sections of the United States. The great-great-grandfather of Loren B. Burnham was the owner of a vessel which sailed from New England in the Revolutionary War as a privateer, and was never heard of again, nor was any news ever received from the officers or the members of the crew, so that it has never been definitely known whether the vessel was destroyed by the enemy or was sunk in a gale.

James Burnham, the great-grandfather of our subject, was a gifted man, a graduate of Yale, an artist, and a scholar. He painted a picture of Yale College, which is now in possession of Loren B. Burnham. He resided in New Ipswich, N. H., and devoted his attention to the supervision of his agricultural interests. There his death occurred. He left thirteen children, of whom John A. Burnham, the grandfather of our subject, was the eldest. He became a machinist by trade, and for many years was in charge of a large cotton mill at Manchester, N. H. He gained a good business start in the East and afterward went to Delaware, Ohio, where he established a foundry, and in its conduct became wealthy, but later he lost most of his fortune through endorsing notes for his friends. Subsequently he established a linseed oil mill at Delaware, Ohio, and prospering in its conduct, con-

tinued in its operation from 1850 until the latter years of his life. His birth occurred in 1799, and he passed away in Delaware, Ohio, in 1880, at the age of eighty-one years. His last wife was seventy-five years of age at the time of her death. He was three times married, his first wife being Mahitable Jenness, who died at the birth of her fourth child, who also died at that time. She left three children—John J., Emily, and James F. By his second marriage, to Miss Palmer, he had one child. By his third wife there are two daughters, Kate and Ada. Kate became the wife of Alfred Arthur, founder of the Cleveland School of Music, one of the leading educational institutions of this character in the United States. During the Civil War he enlisted as a musician in the same regiment of which William McKinley was a member, and they became close personal friends, a connection that was afterward maintained. He was also a personal friend of Marcus A. Hanna.

James F. Burnham, father of Loren B. Burnham, was born in New Ipswich, N. H., Feb. 23, 1833. He pursued a common-school education, but was a great reader from his early life, and became an exceptionally well-informed man. He was a pattern-maker by trade, and when nineteen years of age he came to Iowa, making the trip westward by way of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers, reaching Burlington on the day on which Franklin Pierce was elected president of the United States. Here he secured employment in the Hendrie Foundry, and after two weeks' work his ability won recognition in promotion to the position of foreman of the pattern shops. About a year later he became ill with typhoid fever, and when he was able

to travel, he returned to Ohio. During his visit in that State he was married to Miss Kate Stailey, a daughter of Christian and Maria Stailey, natives of Pennsylvania, descended from German ancestors. After their marriage Mr. Burnham went with his bride to Kansas, and located on a claim near Paola. His wife's people also emigrated to that locality at the same time. Mr. Burnham acted as a scout for General Kearney and other military commanders operating from Fort Scott, and was then in great personal danger at the time of the border troubles. He saw service until the close of the war, and was a notable figure in western military history at that time. He was also proprietor of a furniture store at Paola, Kans., during the period of the war, and after the cessation of hostilities he removed to Leavenworth, Kans., where he took charge of the pattern department for Wilson, Estes & Fairchild, founders. He remained there for seven years. Later John F. Burnham and Frank B. Jagger purchased some of the machinery from the old oil mill in Ohio, and built the first oil mill in Iowa at Burlington, in 1856; and in 1874 James F. Burnham returned from Kansas to this State, and took charge of the oil mill as superintendent. There he remained until 1880, when there occurred a great change in the ownership of the mill, and the firm style of J. R. Burnham & Company was assumed. At that time F. B. Jagger, Marcus Simpson, and James F. Burnham built a linseed oil mill at Third and Elm Streets, and conducted it until 1887, when it was sold to the National Linseed Oil Company, and went into the trusts, Mr. Burnham accepting the superintendency of the manufacturing department, thus

having supervision over fifty-six mills in the United States. He continued with the National Linseed Oil Company until 1897, when he resigned, and removed to a large stock farm west of Burlington, on which he remained until his death on the 27th of July, 1901. His widow still survives him.

Mr. Burnham was president of the first park board of Burlington, being elected to that position by popular suffrage, and acting in that capacity for two years. In politics he was a Republican. He was reared in the faith of the Episcopal church, and was once junior warden in that church in Burlington. He was noted for his charity, being a man of kindly spirit and generosity; and yet, though his benevolences were many, his gifts were made so unostentatiously that often none knew thereof save the recipient of his bounty. He was one of the organizers of the first Odd Fellows' lodge in Leavenworth, Kans., and was ever faithful to the teachings of the organization, which inculcates the principles of brotherly kindness and mutual helpfulness. In his family were two children: Charles F., a resident of Montrose, Iowa; and Loren B.

Now a well-known factor in the business and political circles of Burlington, Loren B. Burnham attended the public schools of the city in his early boyhood, was afterward graduated from Elliott's Business College, and subsequently continued his studies in the Baptist University. Entering business life he spent one year with the Drake Hardware Company, of Burlington, and in 1884 he entered the service of the National Linseed Oil Company, at Burlington, being connected therewith until 1889 as book-

keeper. In that year he removed to Grotton, S. Dak., where he was manager of a mill for the National Linseed Oil Company until November, 1891, when he came to Burlington, and here again represented the same company until 1898, when he removed to his farm, residing thereon for three years. He then sold that property, and began operating in real estate and loans in Burlington, and to this field of business activity now directs his energies, having a good clientage. He has thoroughly informed himself concerning realty values, and is thus enabled to negotiate important realty transfers, and to place loans advantageously to those interested as well as to himself.

On Aug. 20, 1889, Mr. Burnham was married to Miss Mary E. Rickards, a daughter of Phillip H. and Rebecca A. (Perry) Rickards. Mr. and Mrs. Burnham have one child, Ada A. Politically, Mr. Burnham is a Republican, prominent in the work of the party; and he was one of the organizers of the Republican Club of Burlington, in 1904, which was founded upon lines making it a permanent organization. He has been its secretary, and now is the vice-president. Fraternally, he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Woodmen of the World, and the Modern Woodmen of America. Much of his life has been passed in Burlington, and his fellow-citizens are familiar with his enviable record.

JOHN ANDERSON.

JOHN ANDERSON, of Mediapolis, is numbered among the enterprising merchants of eastern Iowa, and his efforts along commercial lines have always been

productive of success in gratifying measure. He is a son of Magnus and Johannah (Danielson) Anderson, and was born in Sweden, April 11, 1850. He attended the schools of his home place till he was seven years old, when he came across the great Atlantic to America with his parents, who located in Chisago county, Minnesota. He went to the district schools of this county for a while, and later finished his education in the schools of Pepin county, Wisconsin.

Soon after his school life was ended, he was married to Miss Sarah J. Holden, July 20, 1871. Mrs. Anderson is a daughter of Milton and Matilda (Fuller) Holden. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson became the parents of five children: Mabel, married Dr. T. F. Cook, a prosperous dentist of Mediapolis; Maude, assists her father in his general store; Norman E., a clerk; John Clarence, a student of the high school; and George Wesley, who died Jan. 13, 1890, at the age of three and a half years.

The three years prior to his marriage he clerked in a general store, and then for the next two years worked in the saw-mill which was conducted by his father and father-in-law. About this time he secured a good position at Reed's Landing with the Knapp & Shout Company, having full charge of their store, and with whom he remained for some sixteen years. He then bought out this company, and became sole proprietor of the store. His ability, courtesy, and close application to his business soon built him a prosperous trade with all the people, and he continued with great success in this store for nine years, when his store and goods were burned, and were a total loss. He then, on April 15, 1890, moved to Medi-

apolis, where he purchased the general merchandise store of C. H. Parrott, and has since been conducting this large store, enlarging his stock until he now has one of the most extensive stocks of goods in the village.

Mr. Anderson is a solid Republican, and, as every American citizen should do, keeps well posted on all the political questions and issues of the day. While he lived at Reed's Landing he held several offices of trust, being appointed postmaster by President McKinley, which position he held for four months, when he resigned. He was also the treasurer of the town, as well as treasurer of the school board, both offices being filled to the entire satisfaction of the citizens of Reed's Landing. In the spring of 1905 Mr. Anderson was elected a member of the council of Mediapolis, which office he is now filling. He was at one time a member of the Ancient Order of United Workman for about ten years, but has now dropped his membership.

In summing up this review, we find that Mr. Anderson has gradually advanced from the position of a clerk to be the proprietor and owner of a large store which is filled with everything up-to-date that goes to make up the stock of a general store, and which is doing a fine business under the good judgment and business qualities that he possesses. Those qualities which have insured him success in the business world, as well as making friends, whose esteem and confidence he enjoys to a marked degree, are noticeable to the extreme, and his motto is: "A square deal to one and all."

Mr. Anderson and his family are consistent members of the Methodist Episco-

pal church, in which he is an active worker. For over twenty-eight years he has been a member of this denomination, and twenty-six years of this time he has served as superintendent of the Sunday-school; and during his six and one-half years' residence in Mediapolis he has seven times been elected to this office.

DANIEL KELLY.

AMONG the self-made, energetic, and progressive men of the village of Mediapolis is Daniel Kelly, and his reputation is well deserved, for in him are embraced the characteristics of an unbending integrity, unabating industry, and an energy that never flags. Mr. Kelly is a native of Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred at Brady's Bend, Aug. 15, 1848. His parents, Daniel and Elizabeth (MacKeever) Kelly, moved to Linden, Ind., near La Fayette, when our subject was a lad of seven years. They did not remain long in Linden, and soon took up their residence in Jasper county, Indiana, where Mr. Kelly was a prosperous farmer for two years. Moving again, this time to North Judson, Stark county, Ind., he engaged in the mercantile business, in which he continued until he enlisted in the Civil War, and served until its close. He enlisted as a member of the Twenty-fifth Indiana Regiment. Mr. Kelly was wounded in battle and was allowed to come home on a furlough to be cared for. After being honorably discharged from the war he moved to Galveston, Cass county, Ind., and again engaged in the mercantile business, con-

tinuing in the same till his death, which occurred in March, 1893. His wife died about 1867.

The school privileges of our subject were exceedingly limited, as he was only permitted to attend school for a very brief time; but his father took great pains to teach him in all the common studies, and he has gained a vast amount of knowledge from his general reading; and to him the broad school of experience has really taken the place of a course in a higher school or a college, so that his own efforts have practically graduated him. Mr. Kelly started his business career as an apprentice in a tin-shop, where he served three years, and then worked as a journeyman for the following four years.

In 1873 he located in Mediapolis, and opened a stove and tin store, together with a repair shop, in which business he continued for about twelve years. He then added a stock of hardware, and shortly after engaged in partnership with Mr. E. Fry, who was in the furniture and undertaking business. This firm continued till 1891, when the partnership was dissolved, and Mr. Kelly conducted the store alone till 1893, when he sold his stock to Welsh & Wilson. Mr. Kelly has had a very successful business life, and is now abundantly able to retire from active duties and enjoy the well-earned fortune accumulated during his younger days. He is now practically out of business.

Mr. Kelly was married to Miss Hannah Jane King, May 18, 1879. Mrs. Kelly is a daughter of James William and Malissa (Van Osdol) King. They are the parents of five children: Mary Edith, the wife of J. W. Cocayne, and resides in

Waverly, Iowa; Franklin Lloyd, Catherine May, William Walter, and Dale MacKeever, all at home. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly are faithful members of the Methodist church, in which the former has been a steward and trustee, and is now the president of the board of trustees. They have a handsome and commodious residence on the main street of the village, which is also one of the attractive features of the village. Through the long years that Mr. Kelly has been engaged in mercantile business as a member of several firms, his acquaintance in business and social circles has been continually broadened, while his upright course has won for him the unqualified regard of his fellow-men, and his record is worthy of the emulation of all young men.

CHARLES F. SCHRAMM.

CHARLES F. SCHRAMM, starting out to make his own living at the age of thirteen years, is now, a half century later, one of the most prosperous and prominent merchants of Burlington, having since 1863 been connected with the large dry-goods business, of which, conducted under the name of the Schramm & Schmieg Dry-goods Company, he is the vice-president. A large percentage of the leading business men of this city are of German birth, and among those whose lifework has been creditable alike to the land of their birth and the land of their adoption, Mr. Schramm is foremost.

A native of Bavaria, Germany, he was born in 1825, and when eleven years of age, accompanied his parents, J. C. and Margaret Barbara (Kiesling) Schramm, to

America. They were also natives of the Fatherland, and were there reared and married. In 1837 they started with their family for the New World, crossing the ocean in a sailing vessel, which was seventy-seven days in making the voyage. Mr. Schramm, as a member of the Prussian army, had served in the famous battle of Jena, in 1806. He followed both farming and merchandizing, and after emigrating to the United States engaged in the grocery business in Circleville, Ohio. Later he came to Burlington, arriving on the 9th of May, 1849. He died the following day of cholera, being at that time sixty-seven years of age. His wife survived him until 1850, when she, too, died of cholera. A sister of Charles F. Schramm, Mrs. Margaret Teuscher, resides in Burlington. Her husband, who was at one time engaged in the retail grocery business, and served as county treasurer of Des Moines county, is now living retired in Burlington.

Charles F. Schramm had no opportunity to attend school after leaving the Fatherland, and the education he has acquired, making him a well-informed man, has been gained through reading, observation, and experience. When thirteen years of age he began serving as clerk in the postoffice at Circleville, Ohio, and later engaged in clerking in the dry-goods store of S. & B. Olds, of that city, with whom he remained until 1843, when he came to Burlington, and accepted a position as salesman with the firm of Postelwaite & Craigen, dry-goods merchants. He afterward went to Farmington, Van Buren county, where he clerked for his brother, George Schramm, who is now living retired in Des Moines, at the advanced age of ninety years. Charles Schramm remained in Farmington until

1853, when he returned to Burlington, and entered mercantile life on his own account with J. S. Schramm as a partner, this continuing until 1859. Having lost his wife and three children within a year, he went to Texas, where for one year he lived the open life of the plains for the benefit of his own health. Returning to Iowa, he joined Mr. Schmieg, in 1863, in the establishment of the business which has since had a continuous existence.

During the period between 1861 and 1862, Mr. Schramm spent two months with the Second Iowa Regiment as clerk to J. T. Stewart, a lieutenant at Bird's Point, Ky., and Cairo, Ill. He was also one month with the Seventh Iowa Regiment as sutler, and with J. R. Nelson as a clerk.

Returning to Burlington, he joined Frederick Schmieg in the establishment of a dry-goods business on Jefferson Street, between Water and Main Streets, where they continued for twenty years. They then established a wholesale house at 110 North Main Street, and in 1903 the business was incorporated with F. Schmieg as president; C. F. Schramm, vice-president; and Arthur Schramm, secretary and treasurer. They carry a large line of dry-goods, notions, oil cloths, and table furnishings, and occupy three floors and basement of the building. Five men are employed in the store, and the house is represented on the road by four traveling salesmen. The business has continually grown, expanding to large proportions, until the trade now covers a large territory. Throughout almost his entire life Mr. Schramm has been connected with the dry-goods trade, and his long experience, keen discernment, and business sagacity have been the foundation upon which he has built his success. The policy of the

house has ever been fair dealing and good merchandise, and the reputation which they sustain in commercial circles is one which any man might be proud to possess.

In 1848, in Farmington, Mr. Schramm was married to Miss Charlotte Benson, a native of Ohio, who died July 23, 1858. They became the parents of four children, only one yet living: Arthur, of Burlington, who married Mary Gage, and has three sons, Fred, Arthur, and Edwin. Mr. Schramm was again married in Farmington, Iowa, in 1862, his second union being with Miss Jennie Perry. They had eight children, five of whom reached mature years, but all are now deceased. The wife and mother died in 1884, and was buried in Aspen Grove cemetery. On the 16th of April, 1885, Mr. Schramm married Miss Ella Haskell, of Burlington, and they reside at 1102 South Third Street, where Mr. Schramm has made his home since 1858.

Mr. Schramm is a member of Des Moines Lodge, No. 1, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He gives his support to the Trinity Lutheran church. His wife is a very active worker in the Congregational church, and along many benevolent and charitable lines. She belongs to the Ladies' Aid Society of the Burlington Hospital, to the auxiliary of the Young Men's Christian Association, is a teacher in a sewing school, and also belongs to a musical club. Her efforts have been of a most practical and helpful character, and many have benefited by her labors. Mr. Schramm is a conservative gold-Democrat, and in matters of citizenship, relating to the welfare and improvement of Burlington especially, he is most progressive, contributing to many measures for the general good. His career demonstrates in the highest and

broadest sense that nationality or birth does not determine, in this country, either in spirit or degree, the future standing of any one, either in finance, patriotism, or society—the American idea of the “common brotherhood of man.”

HORACE PATTERSON.

IN the pioneer days of Des Moines county's development the Patterson family was established within its borders, and from that time to the present its representatives have taken an active and helpful part in matters pertaining to the general progress. They have been the champions of many measures for the public good, and none have been more helpful in public work. Horace Patterson has won a foremost place in the ranks of the leading agriculturists of the county, and as the result of judicious investments is now one of the prosperous citizens of southeastern Iowa.

Mr. Patterson is a son of John and Martha (Darbyshire) Patterson, his birth occurring March 17, 1860, on the farm on which he now resides. His father, Hon. John Patterson, was a son of Charles and Virginia (Dawson) Patterson, and was born October, 1820, near Cumberland, Md., in which place he received a very limited education. His first occupation in life was to drive the transportation wagon on the national road between Cincinnati and Baltimore. These huge wagons preceded the railroads which are stretched over the world so universally to-day. Hotels and boarding houses were very scarce then also, and the two years

that Mr. Patterson made these trips were full of hardships and privations. His mother died during the '30's, and his father came West and settled in Keokuk county, Iowa.

In 1840 Hon. John Patterson came to Burlington, and his first few years were spent on the farm of the late Judge Mason and Alexander Hilleary, for whom he worked by the month. In 1841 he married Miss Martha Darbyshire, daughter of John and Jane (Barret) Darbyshire. Her parents were English, and were raised in the city of London. Mr. Darbyshire had a cabinet-shop attached to his home, and had on one occasion just finished a very fine chair for the ruler of Austria when a fire broke out which destroyed shop, home, chair, and all. Mrs. Patterson was then but a mere child, but distinctly remembered being carried out from the fire in her high chair. In 1833 the Darbyshires came to America, and located near Bushnell, Ill. They brought their own twelve children and two belonging to a friend with them. During 1835 they moved to Burlington, where another child was born, and where Mr. Darbyshire died. This large family of children are dead except the Reverend Mathew Darbyshire, who is the oldest settler in Washington, Washington county, Iowa. One of the Darbyshire girls married a gentleman by the name of Smith, and used to live on a farm which is part of Crapo park. In 1834 Mrs. Patterson came to visit her, and her sister offered her a half of this large farm if she would but stay one year with them. Mrs. Patterson did not accept this generous offer, but returned to her home; however, she came the next year to reside in Burlington.

After the death of Mr. Darbyshire, Mrs. Darbyshire lived with her daughter in Burlington, and died in 1863.

Hon. John Patterson and wife were the parents of thirteen children—six boys and one girl living, and five boys and one girl dead. They are: John William, lives in Kansas; Charles, died in infancy; Charles T., resides in Burlington, and was born March 6, 1847, and always assisted his father on the farm till 1874, when he took charge of the Burlington street railway for his father, which position he held for eighteen years. May 18, 1871, he married Miss Fynetta Arrowsmith, and has one daughter, Laura Almeda; Frances Elizabeth Patterson, married Theodore Thompson, and resides in Burlington on a farm; Henry, died when young; Wallace, died at the age of eight years; Mary was two years and Henry D. was three years when they died; Horace, of this review; Edward, now in business in Des Moines; Everett, died when two years of age; Wesley, lives at Patterson Station; and George, in Burlington.

When the parents of our subject began life together, Mr. Patterson was in debt fifty dollars, and they had to begin house-keeping in very small quarters. They first rented the old house of one room on the Judge Mason farm, where they were very comfortable for a while, and later rented a part of the Hilleary farm; and in 1846 he bought fifty-two acres of land about two and one-half miles from the center of the city from the late Governor Grimes. He then farmed for many years, and became a noted stock man, introducing the better grade of cattle and hogs in this part of Iowa. His labors were crowned with great success, and in a few

years he purchased a farm of some four hundred and thirty acres from the late Dr. Chamberlin, which was located at Patterson's Station. He kept on investing in farm land—buying the Darbyshire farm and two from the Darbyshire boys—till at the time of his death he owned over nineteen hundred acres of cultivated and swamp land. Fortune truly smiled on him, as he rose from working at fifty cents a day to be a capitalist and stockholder in many different enterprises. He was the president of the Agricultural Society for years, under whose direction this society was in a very flourishing condition, and was then always able to meet all premiums. He was a large stockholder in the German-American and Merchant's National and Iowa State Bank, and also a director of the first bank mentioned for years.

The city of Burlington is indebted to Hon. John Patterson and Judge Mason for the building of the water works. Mr. Patterson was first vice-president and then president of the water company. In 1873 the first street railroad was built, and John Patterson was one of the original founders. It was put into operation Jan. 8, 1874, and in 1883 the car barn with all of its contents and some of the private property belonging to Mr. Patterson was destroyed by fire. After this he assumed entire control of the whole south hill line. In 1892 the electric cars were put into operation, and Mr. Patterson sold out entirely to the Electric Company.

In politics he was one of the strongest Republicans, and served his township, county, and State in several different offices. He was a man who believed in the public school system to a large extent, and

was always happy when he could promote the educational interests in any way. His ability was ever of the best, and all trusts held by him were discharged with the greatest of care and accuracy. For several years he was township trustee, county trustee, school director, and had charge of the poor in Burlington township for several terms. In 1881 he was elected to the State Senate.

As Mr. Patterson advanced in years, his health became somewhat impaired, and at times he was a great sufferer, so that some of his active pursuits of life had to be abandoned; but the great and universal interest he had taken in all public enterprises was still maintained to the end of life. He was a large well-built man, with a kind word for all, and of a very generous nature, ever seeking to assist the poor and needy. He contributed the ground for the Spring Grove church, and also contributed largely towards the building of the same. After a long and useful life he was compelled to lay down his burdens, and on May 18, 1896, passed peacefully and quietly away, at the age of seventy-six years. His loss was one greatly deplored by not only his immediate family and friends but by the whole community at large. His life was an upright one, his business principles were of the highest, and the position he took in all public enterprises is equaled by very few. His name will ever be revered by one and all. His good wife, who also had known much of the early struggles and privations of pioneer times, and was a woman of strong character, possessing all the virtues that make an ideal wife and loving mother, survived him for some years. She did not remain in the country

a great length of time after her husband died, but made her home with her sons, and passed away Dec. 13, 1901, at the home of her son, George Patterson, of Burlington. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson sleep side by side in the beautiful Aspen Grove cemetery.

Horace Patterson, of this review, received his early education in the public schools of Burlington township, and later attended the high school, after which he took a commercial course in Elliott's Business College. He first launched out in life as a traveling salesman and later as bookkeeper for Robert Donahue, with whom he remained for eight years, when he had a desire to return to the home farm. He rented this large place of four hundred and twenty-one acres, for one year, but this year he has the superintendency of the same, and raises stock and grain to a very large extent. His stock comprises horses, cattle, and hogs.

His land is rich, and is close to the railroad station, which is a great advantage to him in handling the product of the farm.

Oct. 1, 1890, Mr. Patterson was married to Miss Carrie Newman Acres, who was born and educated in Burlington. Her parents were Stephen and Sarah (Newman) Acres, both old and highly respected citizens of Burlington, where for many years Mr. Acres was identified with the firm of Acres & Blackmar, who dealt largely in paper goods. Mr. and Mrs. Acres were the parents of a large family, some of whom are dead. A more complete record of Mrs. Patterson's parents will be found in connection with that of Mr. Scott Wortring, who is a brother-in-law of Mrs. Horace Patterson.

Mr. Patterson is a member of Excelsior Lodge, No. 268, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Burlington. His worthy wife is a member of the Methodist church. He followed in the political footsteps of his father in choosing the platform that he thinks meets the requirements of the people. He conducts his business in a manly manner, and is always much interested in any measure that will be for the promotion and general good of the county. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Patterson is ever open to the hospitality of many friends, where many social and pleasant gatherings are held, and they are recognized as firm friends and good neighbors.

GEORGE WALLENTIN.

GEORGE WALLENTIN is the owner of a valuable and highly productive farm on Section 34, Franklin township, constituting the northwest quarter. He has resided in the county for a comparatively brief period, but has become well known here as an enterprising agriculturist and stock-raiser. His birth occurred in Bavaria, Germany, July 31, 1851, his parents being Zachariah and Eve (Weiss) Wallentin. In the year 1871 he crossed the Atlantic from the Fatherland to Baltimore, Md., and made his way into the interior of the country, settling first at Delavan, Ill. He had at that time less than ten dollars. He then secured employment on a farm six miles east of Delavan, in Boyington township, Tazewell county, and two years later he began farming on his own account, investing his savings in eighty acres of land in that locality. There he resided until February, 1891, when he came

to Des Moines county, Iowa, having disposed of his property in Illinois. Here he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land on Section 34, of which twenty-five acres was covered with timber, but he has since cleared fifteen acres of that tract. He has also erected a good hay barn, and other necessary outbuildings, and has continued the active work of the farm until he has a splendidly developed property. His is one of the fine residences of the township, and everything about his place is neat, thrifty, and attractive in appearance. In addition to the tilling of the soil he has engaged quite extensively and successfully in stock-raising, having a good herd of Shorthorn and Hereford cattle, and is a heavy raiser of Poland China hogs. In his methods he is practical and enterprising, while his labors prove profitable.

May 11, 1875, Mr. Wallentin was married to Miss Mary Hendricker, who was born in Mason county, Illinois, and pursued her education in the schools of Beardstown, that State. Her parents are Frederick and Elizabeth (Kuhl) Hendricker, both of whom were natives of Germany, the former born in Hanover and the latter in Saxony. Mr. and Mrs. Wallentin have become the parents of four daughters and three sons: Carrie, now the wife of Jacob Fix, a farmer living in Cramer, Nebr.; Bertha, the wife of Brick M. Moore, a farmer of Shelby county, Iowa; Philip, who is living in Des Moines county; Christian, Lydia, Hulda, and Frederick, all at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallentin are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in his political views he is a Republican. He has served as district supervisor and as school director for several years; but is not a politician in the sense of office-seeking, for he

feels that his business affairs are worthy his best efforts, and to his farming interests he gives his time and attention, with the result that he is prospering in his undertakings.

In 1900 Mr. Wallentin took a trip back to Germany, and there visited his former home, where still reside some of his brothers and sisters, as well as other relatives.

JOHN BOESCH.

JOHN BOESCH, viewing the world, its opportunities and its duties, from a practical and also a humanitarian standpoint, so lived as to gain success in business and also win the regard and respect of his fellow-men. In his career, justice, kindness, and philanthropy went hand in hand with keen business discernment, indefatigable energy, and strong purpose, and his well-rounded character, showing forth all the traits of honorable manhood, constitutes an example worthy of emulation, and should serve as an incentive and inspiration to those who knew him.

John Boesch was born in West Phalen, Germany, April 4, 1839, at what was the old family homestead, his father, Louis Boesch, there following the occupation of farming until 1846, when he came to America. He came to New Orleans, and then up the Mississippi River to Burlington, and soon afterward settled in Tama township, Des Moines county, where he resumed agricultural pursuits, continuing the cultivation of his farm here until his retirement from active business life. He then made his home in Burlington until his death.



John Baesch

A youth of seven years when his parents came to Iowa, John Boesch acquired his education through attendance at the district schools of Des Moines county in the winter seasons, while in the summer months he worked upon his father's farm until twenty-one years of age; but not wishing to engage in agricultural pursuits as a life work he came to the city on attaining his majority and entered the employ of J. S. Schramm, with whom he learned the first principles of commercial life. He remained with that house for sixteen years, gradually working his way upward from one position to another of greater responsibility; and finding in each advance step a broader outlook over the business world, with clearer knowledge of its demands and possibilities. Leaving the employ of Mr. Schramm about 1875, he formed a partnership with his brother under the firm style of C. F. & John Boesch, dealers in dry-goods, their store being located at the corner of Fourth and Jefferson Streets. The business was conducted successfully for seven years, at the end of which time John Boesch withdrew, and the following year, 1884, he founded the business which is still conducted under the name of The John Boesch Company, at the corner of Fifth and Jefferson Streets. This location was by many considered too far from the then business center of Burlington to be an advantageous one, but the foresight of Mr. Boesch was demonstrated by this move, for from the time that he opened his store there the business center has gradually extended in that direction, until now many of the leading commercial enterprises of the city are located in the immediate neighborhood of the house of The John Boesch Company. With his new enterprise Mr. Boesch at first occupied but a single room with his stock

of dry-goods, but the business maintained a steady and healthful growth, and he soon had to enlarge his stock to meet the growing demands of the trade and to increase his space in order to properly display the stock. He became the first tenant of the Masonic Temple, and the business now occupies all of the storeroom of the building and also the double storeroom in the adjoining building, giving a frontage of ninety feet. With the expansion of the business The John Boesch Company is now controlling one of the largest dry-goods and millinery houses of this part of the country. Mr. Boesch established certain commendable business principles, from which he never deviated. He conducted his store upon a strictly cash basis, and exemplified in his career the truth of the old maxim that "*honesty is the best policy.*" His standing in business circles was unsailable, and among his associates of the commercial world he had not only an excellent financial rating but was recognized as one who never made an engagement that he did not keep nor incur an obligation that he did not fulfil.

In politics he was rather independent, and was never an aspirant for office; but matters of citizenship having for their object the welfare and substantial progress of the community received his earnest endorsement.

Mr. Boesch married Miss Anna Deichert, of Burlington, who was born in this city, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Deichert, being among the pioneer residents here. Mrs. Boesch died in November, 1872, leaving three children, while one died at the time of the mother's death, while later Frank L. passed away, being then eleven years of age. The others are George C. and Clara M., the latter the wife of P. M. Smith, of Burling-

ton. After the death of his first wife Mr. Boesch married Miss Sarah Buhrmaster, of Burlington, who is still living. Mr. Boesch died April 15, 1901, after a residence of more than four decades in Burlington and of almost two-thirds of a century in the county. He had long been an active member of the German Methodist church, and was for many years a member of its board of stewards and a promoter of the various church activities. He was a liberal supporter of many philanthropic measures, and thus he exemplified the humanitarian spirit which formed so salient a characteristic in his life record. All men knew him to respect him, many to love him. For many years he resided with his family in a beautiful home on North Fourth Street, and it was there that the best traits of his life shone forth most clearly, indicated by an untiring devotion to his family.

GEORGE C. BOESCH.

GEORGE C. BOESCH, president and manager of The John Boesch Company of Burlington, allying his forces with the great commercial movement which has made America pre-eminent in many lines of business activity, and which has continually promoted the upbuilding and welfare of the city in which he resides, was born in Burlington, Aug. 24, 1866, a son of John Boesch, the founder of the dry-goods house now under the direct control of him whose name introduces this review.

George Boesch, having obtained his more specifically literary education in the schools of Burlington, afterward pursued a course in a business college, and then entered his

father's store, having already become quite familiar with the business through the assistance which he had rendered in its conduct while not engaged with the duties of the schoolroom. He became a permanent factor in the business about the time of the founding of the present store, and although not a partner, he became active in the management, and, as the years advanced, more and more relieved his father of the heavier burdens and responsibilities of conducting the growing enterprise. After the death of John Boesch a partnership was formed under the name of The John Boesch Company, with the three heirs as owners, and George C. Boesch as manager. July 1, 1902, the business was incorporated with a capital stock of seventy-five thousand dollars, of which George C. Boesch is president, and Mrs. C. M. Smith is secretary. The store was conducted along the original lines instituted by the father, and continued to be equally successful. In December, 1903, they bought the stock of the William Gus-hard Dry Goods Company, occupying the two adjoining stores, and thus doubled their floor space and largely increased their stock and facilities. They now have the largest street frontage of any retail store in the city, and do an extensive and profitable business, employment being furnished to more than fifty people.

George C. Boesch, accorded by the consensus of public opinion a place among the foremost merchants and business men of the city and State, has displayed the qualities which have caused his co-operation and counsel to be sought in the control of other enterprises. He is now interested in one of the leading shoe houses of the city,—that of Hertzler & Boesch, whose place of business adjoins that of the dry-goods

house, and is also connected therewith. This firm was organized in 1901, and entered upon an era of prosperity and growth which yet continues.

Mr. Boesch was married, June 28, 1893, to Miss Leonora Heins, of Jordan, Minn., a daughter of H. H. Heins. They have three children: Melbourne H., Lenore J., and Marjorie M. The parents are members of the First German Methodist church of Burlington, and not only do they contribute generously to its support, but give of their time and effort for the furtherance of the cause, Mr. Boesch now serving as Sunday-school superintendent, a position which he has filled for ten years. The family home on North Fourth Street is a most attractive residence, and one of its chief charms is the atmosphere of cordial hospitality which there prevails.

PROF. CHARLES WACHSMUTH.

BRIGHTLY emblazoned on the world's roll of famous names is that of Prof. Charles Wachsmuth, who made his home in Burlington for a period of forty years and during that time acquired a high place among the scholars and scientists of the Western hemisphere. He was born Sept. 13, 1829, in the city of Hanover, Germany, of distinguished ancestry, his father being Judge of the Supreme Court of the Kingdom of Hanover. Orphaned by the death of his mother when still very young, he received the tenderest care from his remaining parent, who destined him for the profession of law. To his own and his father's great grief, however, he was obliged, at the age of sixteen years, to give up all studies on account

of failing health. In 1852 he came to America, being sent to New York as agent for a Hamburg commercial house, but finding the climate of the latter city inimical to his health, he decided to try the West, and came to Burlington. Iowa was then a young and undeveloped State, but he had faith in its future, and here he resided during the greater part of his life.

On first coming to Burlington, Professor Wachsmuth engaged in the grocery business, in which he continued for ten years. In 1855 he was united in marriage to Miss Bernhardine Lorenz, who survives him. Finding that his life in the dry Western country did not afford the desired conditions for improvement in his health, he sought the counsel of a physician, who advised him to spend as much time as possible in the open air, and suggested the collection of fossils as a suitable avocation. He at once adopted the idea, and from that time a new life began for him. That he himself then had no idea how important his achievements would be, may be seen from the fact that at first he used a cigar box to contain his collected treasures. This soon gave way to a cabinet which he purchased, and at the end of a year an entire room was required. In later years he built a fire-proof house, which now contains the greatest collection of fossil crinoids in the world. The collections attained such dimensions that the celebrated Professor Agassiz, on his lecture tour through the West, came to see it, and commended it highly for its completeness, size, and the care and accuracy displayed in its cataloguing.

In 1865 Professor Wachsmuth closed out his business, and, accompanied by Mrs. Wachsmuth, made a trip to Europe. A year later he returned to Burlington, re-

solved to devote his life to scientific pursuits — mainly to research in connection with crinoid fossils. In 1873 Professor Agassiz paid a second visit to Burlington. He found the collection greatly increased and improved, and expressed the wish to procure it, and that the owner might accompany it and take charge of all crinoids in the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy in Harvard University. With this Professor Wachsmuth complied, remaining in Cambridge until the death of Professor Agassiz. In 1874 he and Mrs. Wachsmuth made another trip abroad, visiting Europe, Asia, and Africa, returning at the expiration of a year. Having relinquished his title to his collection in favor of the University, he did not own, at the time of returning to this city, a single specimen; but he was soon at work again with his collector's hammer, spending every fine day in the quarries, and it was there that he one day met and became acquainted with Mr. Frank Springer, with whom he formed a friendship that lasted until the death of Professor Wachsmuth. Thereafter they were associated in collecting, and also collaborated in the writing and preparation of their works. A few years later Professor Wachsmuth, with his wife, made a number of collecting trips through Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Alabama, bringing home many beautiful specimens; and he was not only fortunate in his quests, but these southern tours resulted in much benefit to his health, and he counted the time thus spent as among the happiest days of his life. In 1879 Professor Wachsmuth and Mr. Springer published the first part of "Revision of Palaeocrinoidea;" and after having finished the latter part in the fall of 1886, he began the preparation of

his greatest work, "The North American Crinoidea Camerata," at which he labored continuously for seven years, without interruption except from illness, which was all too frequent. That he did not live to see the publication of this monumental work is one of the most profound regrets of all his friends. The last years of his life were a time of great bodily suffering, one attack of illness succeeding another, but that for which he himself most grieved was the failure of his sight, which, of course, interfered seriously with his work. During all his sufferings, however, he remained cheerful, and never uttered a word of complaint. He passed away on the seventh day of February, 1896, and was interred in Aspen Grove cemetery, where his last resting-place is marked by a plain stone, on which his name is graven.

Professor Wachsmuth was a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, of the Geological Society of America, of the Iowa Academy of Science, of the Imperial Society of Natural Sciences of Moscow, and corresponding member of the Philadelphia Academy of Science. He was a man of great mental powers, possessed of a high and unselfish enthusiasm for his work, and by the admirable traits of his character won the regard and respect of all.

JOAB C. COMSTOCK.

THE history of the Comstock family in the West properly begins with the career of Joab Comstock, of Connecticut, who was born April 4, 1768, and died April 14, 1827. In that State he married Eunice Willey,

and they decided to try their fortunes in the then new country of Ohio. Loading their household goods upon a two-wheeled cart drawn by a yoke of oxen, they started on the long journey overland, traveling by short stages on account of their slow-paced team, occasionally halting to cook food or to rest by the way, but always looking hopefully forward to their destination, and pushing on with high courage and resolution day after day, in spite of the hardships they were forced to endure. Thus they finally arrived in Hamilton county, Ohio, near the new city of Cincinnati. There they cleared a space in the virgin forest, established their humble home, and began the work of tilling the soil and sowing the seed which was to bring forth rich harvests in due season to repay them for all their toil.

At that early outpost of civilization the pioneers resided for a long term of years, and there on Feb. 9, 1804, was born to them a son, Joab, who was to become the father of our subject. As the boy grew unto the estate of manhood, he exhibited unusual abilities, and by hard study qualified himself to enter the ranks of the profession of medicine. Shortly after he began medical practice he wedded Miss Jane Lemmon, who was a native of Ireland, whence she emigrated to America with her parents at a very early date. They first settled in Maryland, but afterward removed to Ohio, where she met and married Mr. Comstock. The young physician continued his professional duties for a time after his marriage, but the heritage of his pioneer ancestry led him to look with longing eyes toward the vast new West that was then being opened to settlement beyond the Mississippi River, and he determined to ascertain for himself the measure of its possibilities. He there-

fore set forth on horseback, rode through the trackless forests of Indiana, across the broad prairies of Illinois, and made his way to Iowa. He was much impressed with the country, and returned to Ohio with very favorable accounts of its natural resources. In consequence of this trip he brought his family to Iowa in 1839, coming by the river route, and arriving in April of that year, and at once purchased a farm in Section 20 of Union township, Des Moines county.

Having purchased a farm, Mr. Comstock set about the duties of his new life with his characteristic energy. He erected a comfortable dwelling and a few necessary buildings, and engaged in farming, which he continued for many years with remarkable success. He also gave special attention to stock-raising and fruit-growing, in both of which he was signally successful. From time to time he purchased additional land, as opportunity offered, until he had increased his holdings to approximately six hundred acres of productive lands, comprising some of the most fertile soil in the Mississippi valley. He was a man of adamant character, and as an influential member of the Republican party was a number of times honored by election to the various township offices. He and his wife were throughout life devoted to works of religion and charity, and were faithful and active members of the Wesleyan Methodist church. He himself entered the ministry of that denomination, and by the eloquence of his oratory, the strength of his character, and especially by the purity of his life, did much for the advancement of public morals, a fact which entitles him to be especially remembered and honored among the pioneer ministers of Des Moines county. He was eminently public spirited, and was always ready by any hon-

orable means in his power to encourage any movement or assist any enterprise designed to enhance the interests of the community in which he lived. As a pioneer in a new and undeveloped country he was necessarily called upon to endure many privations, but he ever bore his part manfully and well, and thus he earned for himself the respect and gratitude of succeeding generations. Among the men of his own day he ever enjoyed high honor, and everywhere his name was spoken with peculiar respect. Late in life he retired from the conduct of active affairs, and removed to Burlington. In that city the remainder of his days were passed in ease and comfort, and there his death occurred when he was approximately seventy-eight years of age. His wife died when about seventy-three years of age, and both are buried in Union township. They were the parents of twelve children, four of whom still survive. Mrs. Comstock was a woman of beautiful Christian character, and ably seconded her husband in the many good works to which he devoted so much of his life.

Joab C. Comstock, the subject of the present review, is a native son of Des Moines county, and was born Feb. 2, 1843, on the original farm purchased by his father, Joab Comstock, in Section 20 of Union township. His early knowledge of books was gained in the rural district schools near his home, but desiring further advancement along educational lines he later became a student in Knox College, at Galesburg, Ill., and also for a time attended business college at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., thus securing an excellent preparation for the actual duties of life. He has always been especially interested in the cause of education, a taste which he shares with his brother, Milton L. Com-

stock, who for many years occupied the chair of mathematics in Knox College, and is still a resident of Galesburg.

On the conclusion of his formal education Mr. Comstock returned to his parental home, where he assisted in the work of his father's farm until 1864. In that year, having gained his father's consent, he enlisted for the defense of his country in Company G, Forty-fifth Iowa Infantry, in which he served, being employed in guard duty, until the autumn of the same year, when he received honorable discharge and was mustered out of the service at Keokuk, Iowa. His military record further includes his connection with the Burlington contingent of the Iowa State militia, in which he afterward received appointment as first lieutenant. After leaving the army he once more returned to the home farm, on which he has ever since resided, and once more took up his task of mastering the principles and details of agriculture. He did not confine his efforts to simple farming operations, however, although always highly successful in this branch of his work, and on his large farm of one hundred and fifty-four acres in Sections 16, 17, and 20 he now has an orchard of five hundred young apple trees, all of choice selected varieties, and promising a very handsome profit in the near future, besides a large orchard of three hundred trees now in the full tide of bearing. These latter yield each year many times the cost of their planting and maintenance, and for his wide foresight and well-timed enterprise Mr. Comstock deserves all praise, for his success has encouraged many others to imitate his worthy example, and thus the productive powers of the farm are being more intelligently exploited throughout this section to-day than ever before. In addi-

tion to farming and horticulture, he has had very flattering success in the raising of high-grade stock. All the improvements on the farm have been installed by himself at various times, and their perfection constitutes one of his chief claims to consideration. He has erected a large and substantial residence building, besides a large barn and other necessary structures, and modern machinery is used throughout.

Into the life of Mr. Comstock there early entered an element of romance, which has tinged with its roseate hues the whole of his after years, and has no doubt been one of the most important influences in shaping his character. Near his boyhood home there lived another pioneer family, people of distinguished ancestry and of the highest standing in the community, and one member of that household was a little daughter, to whom he was attracted almost in infancy. The families dwelt less than a mile apart, and the two children were almost constantly together, being reared in an intimacy closer than that which often exists between brother and sister. Playmates in early childhood, they afterward became schoolmates and classmates in the little rural school, entering hand in hand, so to speak, upon the pleasant paths of learning, and remaining fond companions and playmates still. Happy in their school work and in each other's society, they failed to note the changes wrought by passing years, but more and more the boy came to admire his girl friend for her beauty of face and of character, while she learned to look upon him as the embodiment of her noblest ideals, and thus, at the dawning of that golden age called youth, they found that without their knowing it their childhood comradeship had grown into a sentiment of warmer and deeper regard, that of

their first and only love. He knew that he could not claim her hand in marriage for many years to come, but, fearful lest they should become estranged, or that the prize should be won by another, he solicited her promise when she was but sixteen years of age, with full confidence that although they might be separated by circumstances unforeseen, yet she would remain true to her plighted troth. It was not until the 26th day of April, 1866, that Miss Nancy A. Avery and Joab C. Comstock were united in bonds of holy matrimony, the ceremony being performed at the home of Rev. W. F. Baird at Burlington.

Mrs. Comstock was born in Union township, Des Moines county, Iowa, a daughter of Henry and Mary (Ogle) Avery. Her parents were among the early pioneers and leading land owners of this section, and as the family is descended from old Puritan and Revolutionary ancestry, and attained a position of prominence in Des Moines county, it has been deemed advisable to devote a separate article to its history and genealogy. To Mr. and Mrs. Comstock have been born four sons and two daughters, as follows: Henry Lewis, born April 9, 1867, now residing in Union township, where he pursues the trade of carpentering, married Miss Lizzie Delap, of Lee county, Iowa, and they have one child, Rolland; Ella, born Aug. 29, 1868, and educated at the University at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, resides at Lewiston, Mont., where she is engaged in teaching music and dressmaking; Milton E., born May 9, 1870, now following the carpenter's trade in Union township, where he resides, married Miss Minnie Zimmerman; Flora J., born Oct. 31, 1872, is the wife of Frank Roberts, a farmer of Henry county, Iowa, and they have six

children, Everett William, born Nov. 23, 1895, Howard Frank, born Dec. 26, 1896, Mary Alice, born Jan. 22, 1899, Flora Grace, born Sept. 13, 1900, Opal Belle, born Sept. 18, 1902, and Elizabeth Ella, born March 5, 1905; Fremont L., born Sept. 1, 1878, who conducts a ranch at Lewiston, Mont.; and Jesse J., born May 3, 1886, who is a member of the parental household. All the children of Mr. and Mrs. Comstock enjoyed excellent educational advantages, and in the world of practical affairs have exhibited commendable enterprise and marked ability. Mr. Comstock himself has devoted his talents almost exclusively to business, with what result is already well known. On the other hand, he has never been indifferent to the public welfare, being an active supporter of the Republican party in both local and national contests. For President Lincoln he cast his first vote in the fall of '64, and has voted the straight Republican ticket ever since; and while he has consistently refused to seek the honors of high political office, he has at the urgency of his friends accepted the supervisorship of highways and the direction of public schools at various times, being a director of his school for fourteen years, thus rendering very efficient service. In his fraternal relations he is a member of Matthias Post, No. 5, Grand Army of the Republic, of Burlington. His integrity as a citizen and as a man have never been called into question, and he commands the uniform confidence and good-will of all with whom he has been associated. His position among the substantial and progressive citizens of Des Moines county is one of the very highest, and by reason of his successful career, his representative character, and his wide acquaintance, he is well deserving of a prominent place in a work of

the present nature. The names of Mr. and Mrs. Comstock are spoken with respect and esteem in innumerable homes, and their friends are legion. Long and far have they journeyed together, their lives ever with truth and loyalty marked, and with self-sacrifice and mutual helpfulness gloriously crowned.

JOHN H. GIESE.

A NATIVE of Des Moines county, Iowa, who was born in Pleasant Grove township, and now resides upon his farm of two hundred and ninety-nine acres of rich farmland, is John H. Giese. He is a son of John and Margaretta (Denghausen) Giese, and was born New Year's day, 1849. His parents were born in Germany, near Hanover. The father came to America when quite a young man, being only seventeen years of age, and after landing in New York, continued his journey west till he reached Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was engaged as a laborer for several years; later he came to Iowa, and located at Burlington, where he became a citizen of the United States, June 14, 1847. After working in a brick-yard there for one year, he moved to Pleasant Grove township, where he purchased a farm adjoining the property now owned by his son, John H. This farm of eighty acres consisted mostly of timber land, which he at once began to clear and prepare for a home. He was a very active and prosperous man in his day, and as time went on he added to his first purchase till he owned some three hundred acres of well-improved land, carrying on general farming and stock-raising to a large extent. He was always a strong Democrat, but was more



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interested in educational matters than in politics, being a member of the school board for a number of years. He was a member of the German Lutheran church. He was born April 19, 1817, and died April 26, 1896, about seventy-six years of age, and is buried in the cemetery in Pleasant Grove township.

The mother of our subject came to America about the same time that her husband did, and also resided in Ohio for a while, where she was married in Cincinnati. Mr. and Mrs. Giese were the parents of eight children, five of whom are living. Our subject is the third child in age. Mrs. Giese is now about eighty-five years old, has always been a very active woman, and still enjoys attending to some light duties. She was born Oct. 21, 1818. She, also, is a devoted member of the Lutheran church. Her declining days are spent at the home of her son, Dr. G. F. Giese, of Danville, Iowa, where he is practising his profession.

John H. Giese, of this review, attended the common schools of Pleasant Grove district, and remained on the home farm assisting his father till he was twenty-three years of age, and then took a trip to the Pacific Ocean, and located in Fresno county, California. He remained there for eight years, being engaged in general farming, having taken up land from the government — a homestead of one hundred and sixty acres, and a pre-emption of one hundred and sixty acres. He then returned to the home place in Iowa, and purchased a farm of two hundred acres adjoining the home place, and erected a beautiful large two-story frame house, a modern barn, and other buildings which are necessary for stock and grain. Success has crowned his

every effort, and he has added to his original purchase till now he has one of the largest farms in the township, consisting of two hundred and ninety-nine acres. He raises Poland China hogs and Hereford cattle very extensively.

When Mr. Giese was about twenty-five years of age he married Miss Minnie Howison, Dec. 31, 1874. Mrs. Giese is a native of Delaware county, Ohio, and a daughter of Edwin and Sarah (Calvin) Howison. Her father was born in Prince William county, Virginia, and moved to Ohio at an early date, where he was a prosperous farmer in Delaware county for many years. He came to Iowa in 1857, and located in Des Moines county, where he continued farming in Franklin township for several years; he also farmed in Pleasant Grove township some years, till 1873, when he moved to California, locating in Fresno county, where his death occurred when he was eighty-four years old. He reposes in the cemetery near Fresno, Cal. He was a Democrat, but never aspired to public recognition. When a very young man he joined the Methodist church. Mrs. Giese's mother survived her good husband some time, her death occurring in March, 1905, in California, at the age of ninety-one years. She was born Sept. 25, 1813.

Mr. and Mrs. Howison were blessed with seven children, of whom three are living, and all but Mrs. Giese reside in California. Mrs. Giese received her education in the district schools of Pleasant Grove township. To Mr. and Mrs. Giese have been born three children, all living: Charles was born Oct. 31, 1875, in California, near Fresno, and attended the medical college at Iowa City, Iowa, where he was graduated, and also the medical college at Columbia, Mo.

He also was graduated with great credit in 1905 from the St. Louis Medical College. He is also a graduate of the Howe Academy at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. Dr. Giese is now located at Holdrege, Nebr. Mary Giese married Dr. Carl E. Ritchey, a dentist, of New London, Iowa; Mrs. Ritchey was born in California, and educated at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. Raymond C. is attending the schools of Pleasant Grove township.

Mr. Giese followed in the footsteps of his father, as he has ever been a strong Democrat, holding the position of township trustee for some years, and has been the trusted treasurer of the school board for several terms. Mr. Giese and his good wife are influential members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, where the former has been deacon for fifteen years. During the long years of Mr. Giese's residence in Des Moines county he has gained the confidence and good-will of the people by his honesty and integrity, and as a citizen receives the highest respect and esteem of all.

HERMAN WEINRICH.

HERMAN WEINRICH makes his home in Burlington, but his labors have had direct effect upon the commercial activity and consequent prosperity of Iowa and other States, for the boundaries of the city have not limited his capabilities. He is a typical representative of the American spirit which, within the past century, has achieved a work that arouses at once the astonishment and admiration of the world. Burlington is fortunate in that he allied his interests with hers, for his labor, and the labor he employs, have

contributed so largely to its business development and substantial upbuilding. He is not so abnormally developed as to be called a genius; but is one of the strongest because one of the best-balanced, the most even and self-masterful of men, and he has acted so well his part in both public and private life that Burlington has been enriched by his example, his character, and his labor.

Mr. Weinrich was born in Cassel, Germany, in 1845, a son of Carl Ludwig August Weinrich, who died at the age of sixty-three years, while acting as an officer in the department of the interior in the principality of Hessen. The maternal ancestors of our subject were French Huguenots, who were driven out of France because of their religious belief. They settled in Germany, but adhered to the French church; and Mr. Weinrich, of this review, was taught to speak French, it being retained as the language of his people. During the Revolutionary War in America, certain of the principalities of Germany made contracts with England, whereby their soldiers should fight in the English army, in order to subdue the uprising among the colonists. August Weinrich, grandfather of Herman Weinrich, was among this number, serving with the Hessian soldiers. While on a transport returning to his native country, the vessel was blown by contrary winds into the torrid zone, and there becalmed for many weeks, until the provisions and water gave out. Many died as the result, and Mr. Weinrich lost his eyesight. Finally, however, the ship was blown out to sea, and August Weinrich, with a few others, reached his old home, but he never recovered his sight. In the family

of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ludwig August Weinrich were thirteen children, of whom Herman was the fifth. Five are still living in Germany, while Emma Weinrich is now living in Burlington. The mother died when Herman was but two years old, and the father died when the son had reached the age of thirteen.

At the usual age Herman Weinrich began his education. In addition to his native German tongue he early learned to speak French, then the Swedish and Norwegian languages, and later English. In his youth he served an apprenticeship in a dry-goods factory, and for two years he traveled for a firm, selling cassimeres and broadcloths to merchant tailors and wholesale dealers in Norway, Sweden, Finland, and Belgium, traveling in those days altogether by ship or cart. He afterward traveled for a year, selling perfumes for L. T. Pivet, a Paris manufacturer. In 1865 he came to the United States on a side-wheel steamer, the "Bavaria," being eighteen days *en route*. A brother, Christian Weinrich, had preceded him to Des Moines county, Iowa, and was engaged in farming here, and Herman Weinrich joined his brother, and began shucking corn; but he found his hands too tender for that kind of work. His English pronunciation being poor he started to school, in order that he might perfect his knowledge of the language, and when twenty-two years of age he "stood up and spelled down" with lads of eight or ten years. His perseverance, however, soon enabled him to overcome the disadvantage of unfamiliarity with the language, and to enter business life and make steady progress therein. He conducted a country store for four years

at Pleasant Grove, and held the position of postmaster under President Johnson, at a salary of twenty-four dollars per year. There were three mails each week, brought to the office on horseback.

Coming to Burlington, Mr. Weinrich acted as traveling salesman for the Hawkeye Woolen Mills for a year, and then purchased a dry-goods store at Brighton, Iowa, where he remained for a year, during which time he became a member of the Masonic fraternity. Returning to Burlington, he was for six months proprietor of a grocery store on South Hill. He then again went upon the road for T. W. Barhydt, dealer in boots and shoes, for two years, after which he entered the commission business on Front Street, and was at the same time city wharfmaster, and the first agent for the Diamond Joe line of steamers, which, however, had but one boat in the service.

Mr. Weinrich was for a brief period engaged in bottling beer with A. G. Busch, and in 1876 he began the manufacture of vinegar and pickles on Front Street, beginning the business on a small scale. He was the pioneer in the pickle business in Iowa, being the first to manufacture pickles for commercial purposes. He put up two thousand bushels of pickles the first year, most of which were cucumbers which he raised himself. He also manufactured about five or six barrels of vinegar per day. In the early development of the business Mr. Weinrich went upon the road to introduce his product, while four men were employed in the factory. The venture proved successful from the beginning, and has constantly grown until it has reached mammoth proportions.

being now one of the largest enterprises of the kind in the United States, the house being represented by twelve traveling salesmen, while fifty men are employed on an average in the plant at Burlington. There are branch houses at Fort Madison, Iowa, and salting houses at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and New Ulm, Minn.; and for eighteen years a factory has been in operation at Kansas City, Mo. There are ten receiving stations in Missouri, Illinois, and Iowa, with local agencies at Des Moines, St. Joseph, Omaha, and Council Bluffs, and the trade extends over Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Minnesota, Nebraska, Wisconsin, South Dakota, and Kansas. As the business expanded it was removed from the original location to more commodious quarters on Third Street—the building now occupied by Chittenden & Eastman's factory. In June, 1868, a second removal was made to the present location at the intersection of Central Avenue and Agency and Osborn Streets. The business was incorporated in 1881, under a ten-year's charter with F. A. Smith as president and H. Weinrich as secretary and general manager. The charter was renewed and the business re-incorporated in 1904, with the following officers: H. Weinrich, president; Carl Weinrich, secretary and treasurer; and H. R. and O. L. Weinrich and P. Richards, directors, in addition to the officers. In addition to vinegar and pickles the company puts up chow-chow, Holland onions, mustard, catsup, sauerkraut, sweet cider, Spanish olives, horseradish, pepper-sauce, Worcestershire sauce, mincemeat, apple butter, and preserves, and the quality of the product insures a ready sale for the output.

Mr. Weinrich is regarded as one of the most successful business men of Burlington, nor have his efforts been confined to one line, for in addition to the development of his extensive pickling business, he is now the president of the Northwestern Cabinet Company, which was incorporated for thirty thousand dollars; the president of the Burlington Basket Company; a stockholder in the Iowa State Savings Bank, a stockholder in the pickle manufacturing business of Steinhors-Morrine Pickle Company, of Kansas City, Mo.; the owner of valuable improved and unimproved property in Burlington; and the owner of one thousand acres of land near Kingston, Iowa, devoted to general farming purposes and the raising of hogs and cattle. In view of the fact that on landing in America he clerked for a short time in the dry-goods store of Greenbaum-Schroeder and Company, and began life in Iowa at husking corn, his present prosperity is all the more notable and praiseworthy, showing what can be accomplished through determined purpose and honorable, unceasing effort.

Mr. Weinrich was married, in Muscatine, Iowa, in 1871, to Miss Emma Obermann, who was born near that city, a daughter of Karl F. and Marie (Krehe) Obermann, her father an eminent minister of the Lutheran church, then located at Muscatine, Iowa, but now deceased. Her mother is still living, at the age of seventy-three years. For twenty years Mr. and Mrs. Weinrich have resided at 408 Iowa Street. They have six children: Carl; Herman; Oscar; Hattie, the wife of Ernest Volger, of Chicago; August; and Irma. All who are old enough have

completed the grammar and high-school courses of Burlington, and attended the State University at Iowa City, August pursuing the law course there. Mrs. Weinrich has four sisters: Mrs. Gustave Goppelt, of Chesaning, Mich.; Matilda, the wife of William Henniker, of Muscatine; Bertha, wife of Oscar Grossheim, of Muscatine; and Mrs. Louise M. Baetznner, of Burlington. There are four brothers and two sisters of the family now deceased, there having been eleven children in all.

Mr. Weinrich is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, a director of the Commercial Exchange, a trustee of the Library Board, and a member of the Crystal Lake Club. In politics he is a Republican, and always advocates movements that tend to benefit the city and promote its substantial improvement. He is modest and unassuming, and indisposed to attract attention either to his success in business or to his deeds of charity.

CARL J. H. BLOOMBERG.

IN order to properly and fully understand the greatness of the country in which we live, it is necessary to make a study of the various sources from which that greatness arises, to analyze its elements, and determine the importance of these elements. In such an inquiry we find that in Des Moines county a very great measure of credit is due to families of Swedish origin, and that the energy, enterprise, and dogged determination of this class of citizens have made the part played by them in

the development of the county worthy of most honorable mention in a historical work of this character. A prominent representative of this class of estimable citizens in Des Moines county is Carl J. H. Bloomberg, of Yellow Springs township, where he resides on a large and highly improved farm in Section 17, and successfully conducts a business of general farming and stock-raising.

Mr. Bloomberg is a native of Sweden, having been born in Flisby, Yonköpings, Sweden, Nov. 30, 1847. He was the son of Johannas and Sarah (Stehr) Johnson. He was one of a family of eight children, of whom four, Gustave A., Carolina, Sophia, and Claus, are now deceased. Those still living are: Tena; Matilda; Amanda, the wife of Charles Adolphson, of Yellow Springs township; and Carl Johan Helmer, the subject of this sketch. Mr. Bloomberg's father lived in Sweden until the time of his death, which occurred in 1880, when he was seventy-one years of age. After that his mother came to America, and made her home with her children till the end of her life. She died at the home of Mr. Bloomberg, Aug. 29, 1892, aged eighty-three years.

Mr. Bloomberg received his early education in the public schools of his native land, and also learned the shoemaker's trade, thus following the example of his father, who pursued that trade. Mr. Bloomberg followed this occupation as long as he remained in Sweden, and for several years after coming to America. He came alone to America in 1870, landing at New York. He located first in Sheffield, Pa., May 3, 1870, and taking up his trade, remained there until the following 4th of July. At that time he went to Oquawka,

Henderson county, Ill., engaged as a farm hand, and remained there until August, 1872, when he went to Keithsburg, Ill. At Keithsburg he again worked at his trade, being in the employ of Thomas Sauster, with whom he remained for about four years. By this time his health began to fail, as the result of his sedentary occupation, and he decided that it was necessary for him to find work that would permit of his being in the outdoor air. Accordingly he again went to work on a farm, and has made farming his life work ever since.

Jan. 21, 1884, Mr. Bloomberg came to Des Moines county, Iowa, and bought a part of his large farm of one hundred and twenty-one acres in Yellow Springs township. Since taking possession of this place Mr. Bloomberg has fenced his property, improved all the buildings, built another substantial barn, added modern implements, and brought the entire place up to its present high degree of excellence. In 1903, he purchased an addition to the farm of two hundred and eleven acres, this land also lying in Section 17. Each year has seen additions made to the conveniences about the home, until now he has one of the most comfortable homes, as well as one of the most efficiently cultivated farms in the entire community.

In addition to his success as a general farmer, he has made a specialty of breeding fine cattle and hogs, until he is recognized throughout the township as having done much to raise the standard of the stock kept in the county, and also much to advance the material prosperity of farmers in general. He makes a specialty of the Polled Angus cattle, keeping on an average about forty-two head of this breed. He has over eighty head of hogs, raising

the Poland China and Duroc Jerseys. The entire appearance of his home and the surrounding farm is a constant tribute to the great success that this man has made; and when it is remembered that all this has been built up by his own efforts, starting in his youth without resources, none who see it can fail to honor and admire him for what he has accomplished.

Mr. Bloomberg was married on Christmas day, 1874, in Gladstone, Ill., to Miss Marie Louisa Peterson, daughter of Nels and Caroline (Johnson) Peterson, who was herself a native of Sweden, being born in Vimmerby, Sweden, Sept. 24, 1855. She came to America when only sixteen years of age, coming with a friend who had been in America and had returned to Sweden for a visit. To Mr. and Mrs. Bloomberg have been born eleven children, as follows: Henry Oliver, born Aug. 30, 1877, died March 22, 1879; Durward LeRoy, born Aug. 14, 1880; Mabel M., born Jan. 21, 1883, and Myrtle R., born Dec. 7, 1884, have both become teachers, and have won excellent reputations in their chosen profession by the thorough and efficient work that they have done in the district schools of Huron township, where they are both now engaged in this work; Emma R., born Oct. 11, 1886, is at home; Florence H., born Oct. 3, 1888, is a student in Elliott's Business College, where she is taking a course in stenography and typewriting; Hazel B., born Aug. 8, 1890, and Ethel C., born Oct. 29, 1892, are both attending high school in Mediapolis; Ruby P., born Jan. 7, 1894; Carl L., born Sept. 8, 1896; and Louis Glenn, born Jan. 5, 1899. Mr. and Mrs. Bloomberg have a happy, genial family, that shows the result of the Christian influence in the home,—a family of

which they have every reason to be proud. Mr. and Mrs. Bloomberg are devoted members of the Swedish Lutheran church of Mediapolis, and have raised their family in that faith. Mr. Bloomberg has served the church faithfully and well as a trustee for over nine years. In his fraternal relations, he was at one time a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, holding membership for about three years in the lodge at Keithsburg, Ill. During this time he held the office of junior warden in the organization. Genial, ever courteous, he is justly popular, and his many friends rejoice at the measure of prosperity that has come to bless him in his home, and hope to see him and his estimable wife live many more years to enjoy the hard-won fruits of their toil together.

JOHN CHRISTIAN SCHMIERS.

ONE of the most successful and widely known representatives of the lumber interests of Des Moines county is the subject of this sketch, who is at the present time sole proprietor of the West Burlington Lumber Company. Mr. Schmiers was born in Westphalia, Germany, Aug. 2, 1855, the son of Henry Bernard and Elizabeth (Kluster) Schmiers, and received his early education in the schools of his native land, this being followed by a course of instruction in the science and art of architecture; and after completing his education along theoretical and practical lines, he began his life work by taking up the trade of carpentering, which he followed with success until 1876, when he enlisted in the German army, and followed its fortunes as a soldier

until 1879. Enlisting as a private, he was promoted during his second year of service to the rank of corporal, continuing to hold that rank until his discharge.

Following the termination of his military service, he resumed his trade of carpentering, in which he continued for a number of years; but the greater opportunities offered by America appealed to his desire for progress and spirit of enterprise, and on April 1, 1884, he embarked for the New World, and landing at the port of New York, he proceeded directly to Waukegan, Ill., where he was engaged in the work of his trade until January of the following year, when he came to Des Moines county, Iowa, locating at Burlington.

In the latter city he devoted his energies to carpenter work until 1897, when, in association with Lawrence Kemmig, he engaged in the lumber business at this place, under the firm style of the West Burlington Lumber Company. In 1898 George Riddle became a member of the firm, and this triple partnership was continued for one year, at the expiration of which period Mr. Schmiers purchased the interest of Mr. Kemmig, and at the end of the second year he bought the interest of the remaining partner, thus becoming the sole proprietor of a large and rapidly growing business, and one in which his talent for managing enterprises of magnitude eminently fitted him for the attainment of success; and it is along this line of activity that he has since devoted his abilities to the upbuilding of the community in which his useful career is being passed, while at the same time his enterprise, integrity, and ability are bringing him a substantial pecuniary reward. The annual volume of business transacted amounts to approximately \$15,000, and in

addition to lumber, all building materials are handled, including brick, lime, cement, and in fact all material necessary for the construction of high-grade dwelling houses of the most modern type.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Schmiers holds membership in the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and has held all the principal official positions of the local organization of the Woodmen of the World, and of the Loyal Mystic Legion of America, in both of which orders he is a member and valued worker, while he also sustains similar relations with the Burlington Volunteer Relief Department, and is local representative of the Iowa Bankers' Life Insurance Company. He thus occupies a prominent position in fraternal and social circles, in which he is widely known and enjoys a gratifying degree of popularity. In his attitude toward political questions he is independent, not being closely associated with any phase of strictly partisan activity, but using his influence on the side of good government according to his individual estimate of candidates and measures. He has at heart the higher interests of the community, and is a member of the Catholic church, and a consistent supporter of its work.

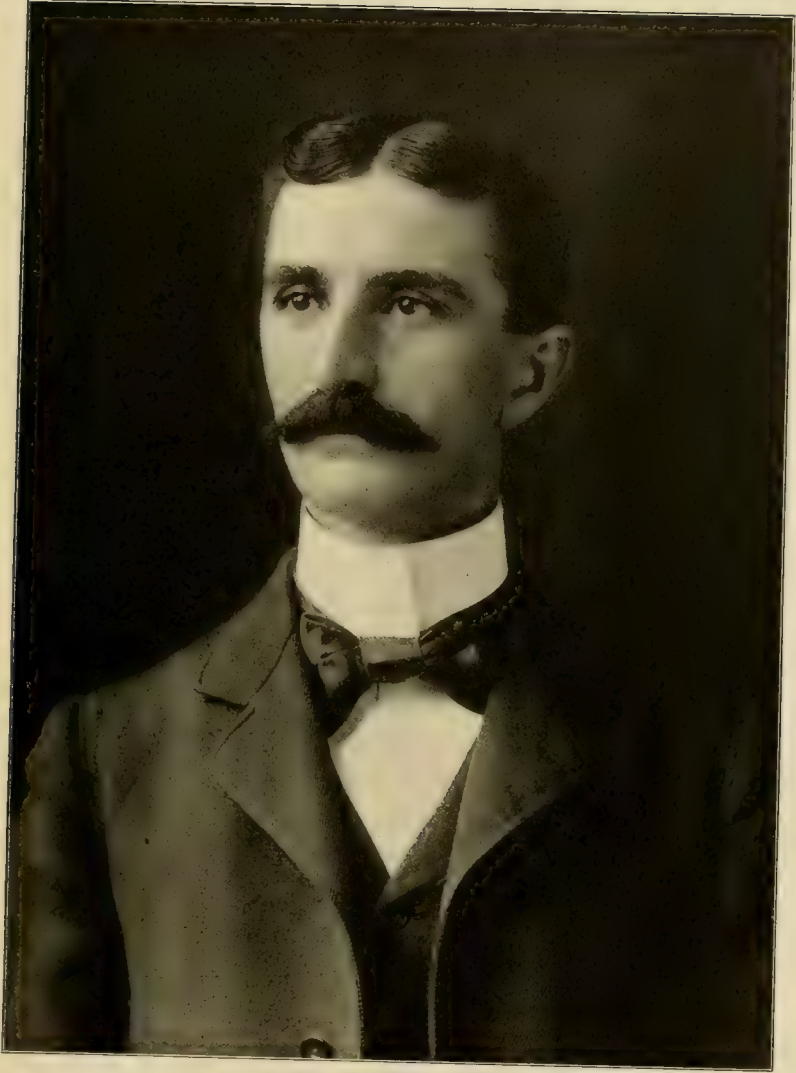
On March 25, 1881, Mr. Schmiers was united in marriage with Miss Christina Rumtch, daughter of Henry and Christina Barbara Rumtch, and to them have been born fourteen children, as follows: Mary, who is at home; Henry Bernard, also at home; Anna Christina, who was the wife of Harry Robert Wright, and died Nov. 12, 1904, leaving one child (Marie Anna); Joseph John; Cecilia Kemila; Vevancha Marie; Jennie Louisa; Mary Elizabeth; Theresa Marie; Henrietta, who died at the age of three months; Edward Chris-

tian; Lena Anna, who died at the age of five months; and William and Gertrude, twins, the former of whom died at birth. Miss Mary Schmiers acts as bookkeeper for the business, and as her father's secretary, and in these capacities renders valuable assistance in the complicated affairs that make up the large total of transactions.

Our subject is a man of unusual executive ability, as is evidenced by the fact that during his earlier activities, and before he became his own employer, he never worked long in any position without being promptly promoted to a manager's or foreman's position. On leaving the army, he went to the city of Strasburg to take employment in the government shops, and there he was soon raised to the position of head foreman, while during his employment in the shops of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad he had charge of all the plans, himself making plans from the blue prints, and laying out all the construction work. This valuable trait of character he carried with him through his whole business life, and to it he owes the major portion of his great success, in connection, of course, with his reputation for unfaltering integrity and honesty in every relation of life, and the genial and social disposition that has won for him such a host of loyal and admiring friends.

HORACE J. YALEY.

WHEN the aged fall before the scythe of Time, their end is looked upon as being in a certain sense the culmination and fulfilment of their lives; and while the coming of death is ever an occasion for sorrow, the natural human emotions are softened in



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such cases by the knowledge that the allotted tale of years has been told, the earthly destiny achieved; but when the grim Reaper invades the greener fields, lays low our best and most promising, cuts off youth and young manhood in the full vigor of its power, the unexpected visitation is peculiarly sad, and we mourn with a sorrow that is not easily consoled.

Horace J. Yaley, son of George Washington and Jane (Harris) Yaley, was born in Burlington, Iowa, May 10, 1871, and it was here in his native city that he received his early education in the public schools. He afterward removed with his parents, however, to Thayer, Kans., where he continued his studies in the high school. Not content with the equipment thus secured, he pursued a course of study in the business college here after his return to this place; and following his graduation he began his active life by engaging in school teaching, first in the public schools of the county, and later in the business college for a period of three years, during which he was highly successful, and accomplished results which were universally commended among educators of note, as well as among practical business men. He then became manager of the Business Exchange for a further term of three years, discharging his new duties with signal ability and adaptability to conditions as he found them, and at the end of this time, feeling that the hour had arrived for him to begin the true work of his life, he resigned his position and entered the law school at Iowa City, from which he was graduated on the fifteenth of June, 1893. He at once entered the law office of ex-Senator Harper, with whom he continued for a year, and then established himself in independent practice

for a similar period, with offices in the Tama Building, where he achieved success from the beginning, and in 1903 became a member of the law firm of Huston, Holstein & Yaley. On the anniversary of this event, and just one year later, occurred his untimely death, on July 29, 1904. Seldom, if ever, has the city of Burlington sustained a more grievous loss or one more generally and deeply realized as a public misfortune.

On Aug. 15, 1893, Mr. Yaley wedded Miss Ella DeHague, daughter of John L. and Elizabeth (Welker) DeHague, and there graced their union one child, Horacena Lenore, born three weeks after the death of her father.

His political affiliation was with the Republican party, in which he was looked upon as a rising man, and one who would in a very short time attain to a position of influence and power by reason of his great talents and the sterling qualities of his character, combined with a genial and unselfish disposition which endeared him to all, and won for him the confidence of whoever came into contact with his engaging personality.

Fraternally, he was already prominent, being a member of Excelsior Lodge and the Encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Foresters, having passed through the chairs of both lodges, and having acted as their representative in their respective grand lodges. He was an attendant of the Methodist Episcopal church, to the support of which he contributed, and was possessed of a keen and active interest in all movements calculated to enhance the general welfare. He was a man of exceptional strength in his profession, an ideal citizen and husband, enjoyed the close

friendship of many of the city's leaders in thought and action, was loyal to all his obligations of whatsoever nature, and enjoyed great popularity, while among those who knew him well it was universally felt that had he been spared he would have risen to heights of genuine and lasting eminence.

Mrs. Yaley is a woman of true culture and many social graces, and her pleasant home at 717 South Ninth Street is the center of a refined circle.

WILLIAM BLAIR.

WILLIAM BLAIR was the son of Alexander Blair, son of John Blair, of County Armagh, Ulster, Ireland. Alexander came to America in the first quarter of the eighteenth century, making his home seven miles from Lancaster, Pa. There he grew to manhood, and married Elizabeth Cochran, of Scotch-Irish lineage; and while they were still residents of that locality their son William was born, in 1760. Ten years later they were residents of Cumberland county, near the mouth of the Juniata. The names of Alexander Blair and his sons, John, Thomas, and William, are on the military rolls of Pennsylvania as soldiers of the American Revolution.

In the office of the clerk of the county commissioners' court of Schuylers county, Illinois, under date of Sept. 3, 1832, is found the "Declaration of William Blair, in order to obtain the benefit of the pension act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832." This gives a detailed account of his services in the Revolutionary War. The matter is found briefly stated in the

"Year Book," 1901, of the Iowa Society of the Sons of the American Revolution: "Alexander Blair is on the Pennsylvania rolls as a private soldier in the Revolutionary War, from Cumberland county, having entered at Carlisle in 1778."

William Blair, under age in 1778, served as his father's substitute, under Captain George Bell, two months at Bald Eagle and Penn's Valley, Pa. He re-enlisted May, 1779, for five months in Captain Henry Dougherty's company, and served under General John Sullivan in the campaign against British, Tories, and Indians in New York, and was permanently disabled at the battle of Chemung, but rejoined and was mustered out with his regiment. Again he enlisted, June, 1780, in Captain Gilbert McCoy's Rangers, and served on the frontier until discharged in January, 1781. From this "declaration" we learn that he was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in 1760, and was seventy-two years old when application for pension was made. Also that when enlisting as a "Pathfinder of the Revolution" under General Sullivan, he received ten dollars bounty. Later he was paid for the entire service in depreciated currency.

When he took his father's place in the service, two brothers had already been in service. Lieutenant John Blair was under General Irvine, and a prisoner at Quebec. Captain Thomas Blair was wounded at Gulf Mills, near Valley Forge, and carried an ounce ball in his shoulder for life. But before the Blairs were soldiers they were pioneers. At the close of the French and Indian war they left their Lancaster county home and settled on the Juniata

River, and were tax-payers in Cumberland county from 1770 until 1782. At the close of his Revolutionary service William Blair married, before he had attained his majority, Catherine, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Rutledge) Evans. Very soon thereafter they migrated by pack-horse over the mountains to Westmoreland county, then including much of the western part of the State. A year or two later the removal to Kentucky occurred, floating down the Ohio from Fort Pitt to the mouth of the Limestone. At Cane Ridge, Bourbon county, Ky., a fort or station was built for protection against marauding Indians, in which the families of Alexander Blair, his son William, and his son-in-law James H. Manara found shelter for some years. Both Mr. Blair and his brother-in-law, Manara, took active part in the forays into the Indian country in those troublesome days. And other troubles followed—disturbances by ambitious party leaders, insecure land titles, and above all, the great influx of slaves and the attendant evils.

In 1797 Blair and Manara removed to the Northwest Territory, making settlement near Chillicothe. Here Mr. Blair raised his family, and here his wife died in 1817, leaving ten children. Four of his sons took part in the War of 1812. He removed to Flat Rock, Ind., in 1820, and remained two or three years, thence to Sangamon county, Illinois, and later to Schuyler county, perhaps in 1827. In the winter of 1837-38 he came to Iowa, making his home in the northern part of this county, and died there in 1840. He is remembered by few of the present inhabitants. He is not known to have visited Burlington after passing through to his

Round Prairie home. In 1839 the citizens invited him to celebrate the Fourth of July with them, and the late Hon. W. C. McCash went with a carriage for him, but he was unable to attend, though highly appreciating the proffered honor.

He was a member of the Presbyterian church, and in Ohio and Illinois, at least, was a ruling elder in that denomination. Although not permitted by age and feebleness to do much directly in the making of Iowa, his descendants have not been so limited. Of his nine children who reared families, each family has, sometime, somewhere, been represented here, and some of them remain. But this representation is not confined to Iowa. Descendants are to be found in at least twenty-three of the commonwealths of our nation, reaching from Connecticut to California, Washington city to the State of Washington, and from Minnesota and Dakota to Texas. His grave is about three miles northeast of Kossuth, and he was the first adult buried there.

In recent years descendants of William Blair erected over his grave in Round Prairie cemetery a fine granite monument, bearing the following inscription:—

WILLIAM BLAIR.

Born, Lancaster Co., Pa., 1760.

Died, Des Moines Co., Iowa, 1840.

A Soldier of the American Revolution.

An Elder in the Presbyterian Church.

A Pioneer in Pa., Ky., Ohio, Ind., Ill., Iowa.

His second son, Hon. Thomas Blair, legislator of Iowa when this State formed a part of the Territory of Wisconsin, and a pioneer whose labors proved a very im-

portant element in the upbuilding of this section of the State, was born in the fort in Bourbon county, Kentucky, May 5, 1780. Thomas Blair began his pioneering by walking all the way from the old home in Kentucky to the new home in Ohio. In 1812 and 1813 he served his country as a soldier in the second war with England, as did three of his brothers, defending the northern frontier. After the war was over, in 1816, he married Miss Margaret Job, who was born in Baltimore, Md., Oct. 15, 1788, and was a daughter of Morris and Lydia (Bond) Job. Morris Job, was, with his father, Archibald, and brothers, Daniel and Thomas, disowned by the Friends Meeting for participation in the Revolutionary War.

In 1819 Thomas Blair removed to Flat Rock, Ind., and in 1821 to Morgan county, Illinois. Later he crossed the river into Pike county, Illinois, was a commissioner for the organization of Schuyler county, and was elected a member and chairman of the first board of county commissioners. Still seeking a better country, he came to Des Moines county, Iowa, in 1834, and in the following spring settled in Round Prairie, where he made his home throughout his remaining days. He and his family are counted in the first census (1836) of the Iowa district of Wisconsin Territory. In 1836 he represented Des Moines county in the first Wisconsin Territorial Legislature, and two years later was a member of the Territorial Legislature of Iowa. Members of the first Legislature of Wisconsin were: Council, Jeremiah Smith, Jr., Jesse Bartlett Teas, and Arthur B. Ingram; House, Isaac Lefler, Thomas Blair, Warren S. Jenkins,

John Box, G. W. Teas, Eli Reynolds, and David R. Chance. Major Jerry Smith was a merchant; Major Bartlett Teas was a lawyer; Colonel Ingram was a farmer, and had been a member of the Virginia Legislature; Colonel Lefler was a farmer and lawyer, and had been the colleague of John Tyler in the United States Senate from Virginia, and with him resigned on account of the "expunging resolutions" trouble; Blair was a farmer; Jenkins was a physician; so was G. W. Teas, and also a Methodist preacher; Box and Chance were Campbellite preachers; Reynolds was a physician. Blair served at Belmont, at the adjourned meeting at Burlington, at the called meeting at the same place, June 1, 1838, and the first Iowa Territorial Legislature. After his retirement from the Iowa Legislature Mr. Blair took no prominent part in political affairs. He was originally an Anti-slavery Whig, and upon the organization of the new Republican party to prevent the further extension of slavery, he became one of its staunch and stalwart advocates. In religious faith he was a Presbyterian, and for more than fifty years a ruling elder in that church. He was one of the first session of the church at Rushville, Ill. From the time of his retirement from public life his attention was given in undivided manner to his farming interests until the infirmities of old age became too great for him to take an active part in agricultural life. His later years were spent quietly in his country home, ever striving for the best interests of his neighborhood, its churches and its schools. He died on a part of the farm which had been his first home west of the river, near Kossuth, Oct. 6, 1875.

David Evans Blair, was born March 25, 1793, near Paris, Bourbon county, Ky. He was the fourth son of William and Catherine (Evans) Blair, natives of Pennsylvania, who had migrated to Kentucky nine or ten years previously. When he was between four and five years old, the family removed to Northwest Territory, settling near Chillicothe. He grew to manhood here, and Sept. 9, 1819, in Fayette county, Ohio, married Sarah Job, daughter of Morris and Lydia (Bond) Job, of Baltimore, Md., and immediately emigrated to Flat Rock, Ind., and two years later to Illinois. After a brief stay in Morgan county he crossed over to the Military Tract, Pike county. In 1824, when Edward Coles made his great fight against a convention to legalize slavery, he, with his brother Thomas, traveled to Atlas by canoe and on foot, camping out by the way, a round trip of one hundred and twenty miles, to vote "no convention."

On the organization of Schuyler county he was elected the first county assessor. He was county treasurer in 1827, and as such entered the land for a county seat on which Rushville is built. He carried the silver to Springfield, fifty miles, on horseback, and the records show he was paid two dollars and fifty cents for the service.

He was a claim-maker in the "new purchase" as early as 1834, and brought his family here, May 8, 1836, while it was yet Michigan Territory. During claim days he was an "arbitrator," and aided much in enforcing claim laws in the region between Flint River and the Iowa; and at the land sales in 1838 was "bidder," and as such bought all settlers'

claims sold at that time in Huron and Yellow Springs townships.

He was a member of the Iowa Territorial House of Representatives in 1841 and 1842, and also in the first General Assembly of the State of Iowa in 1846. He was always Whig and Republican in politics, and was a member and office-bearer in the Presbyterian church. He died at his home, near Kossuth, Oct. 9, 1874.

Of the descendants of Thomas Blair there remain in Des Moines county, Mrs. Elizabeth Reed, Miss Margaret Rankin, Miss Martha Catherine Rankin, granddaughters, and Archibald Reed, a great-grandson. All live in Kossuth. Of the family of D. E. Blair, the youngest son, Morris William Blair, resides on the old homestead. According to tradition his uneventful career began in Pike county, Illinois, west half, southeast quarter of Section 35, Township 2 north, 1 west, fourth principal meridian. He was brought to Michigan Territory May 8, 1836, and two days later to his present residence, from which he has never been absent for ten months in the sixty-nine years since, having purchased the farm at his father's death. Here he worked, as farmers do, in summer and attended school in winter. He was a student in the academy at Kossuth in 1845 and 1846, and in 1847-48 was in Des Moines College, an institution in West Point, Lee county, short-lived, but helping in the education of Rev. W. Wright, Kansas; Rev. Father Clement Lowry, Texas; Hon. W. E. Hepburn; the late Hon. Samuel M. Clark, and others. Later he kept school several winters. He has long been connected with the official administration of the schools of the neighborhood. As town-

ship clerk for Yellow Springs he was ex-officio secretary of the township board, and when Kossuth became an independent district, became its secretary, later became its treasurer, and is beginning his thirty-fourth consecutive term in that office. He was also treasurer of Kossuth Academy. In 1862 he was appointed division assessor of internal revenue for Des Moines county on the recommendation of Thomas Hedge, Sr., and endorsed by Senators Grimes and Harlan, without solicitation or prior knowledge on his part. He resigned March 31, 1865, his farming interests requiring his entire attention.

He began voting the Republican ticket about 1854, and has continued to do so "early and often" ever since, having missed but one election. He has no social or business affiliations except membership in the Society of the Scotch-Irish in America, and that of the Sons of the American Revolution, in the latter tracing eligibility to membership from every ancestor liable to military duty at the time of the war for independence.

FREDERICK ALONZO SMITH.

FREDERICK ALONZO SMITH, at one time a promoter of manufacturing interests in Burlington, and active also as an operator in real estate, is now living retired in the enjoyment of a handsome competence that has come to him as the direct reward of labors unremitting and honorable. Recognizing that his opportunity had come, and utilizing his possibilities in the field of practical business endeavor, he made his labors at

once a source of profit to himself and also of value to the city in the promotion of its commercial activity.

Mr. Smith is a native of Massachusetts, his birth having occurred in Otis, Berkshire county, on Dec. 31, 1828, his parents being Enos and Millie Moffatt (Shaw) Smith. His paternal grandfather, Curtis Smith, was a resident of Haddam, Conn., where he followed the occupation of farming. He married Aseneth Brainard, and in later years removed to Otis, where his son Enos was then living. He had served as a captain in the State militia, and was prominent in community affairs, wielding a wide and beneficial influence.

Enos Smith was reared to manhood in Haddam, Conn., and soon after attaining his majority removed to Otis, Mass., where he followed the trade of blacksmithing, which he had learned in his native State. He was married, in Otis, to Miss Millie M. Shaw, a daughter of Joshua Shaw, and subsequently they removed to Stockbridge, Mass., where Mr. Smith owned a farm. Taking up his abode thereon, he lived in practical retirement from further business cares until his death, his remains being then interred in the Stockbridge cemetery. Successful in business, he was also active in political and church circles, and in connection with many concerns touching the varied interests and affecting the welfare of the State. He was a representative to the General Court or Legislature of Massachusetts, and gave his allegiance to the Whig party until its dissolution, when he joined the ranks of the Republican party. He held membership in the Congregational church of Stockbridge, and was a man who stood for advanced ideas and progressive thought.

Frederick Alonzo Smith, having acquired

his early education in the schools of Otis, continued his studies in the Lee boarding schools, of which Alexander Hyde was master. He afterward remained at his father's home until his removal to the West in the fall of 1852. He located first at Chillicothe, Ohio, and there had what was known as a Yankee notion wagon, from which he sold goods in the outlying settlements beyond Chillicothe. Succeeding in that enterprise, he determined to carry his labors into other frontier districts, and in 1855 arrived in Burlington, Iowa. Here he made arrangements to travel for Samuel Robinson, and thus became one of the early commercial travelers of the State. At that time there were no railroads, and he made his trips with his own team, visiting all of the settled portions of Iowa. Following that pursuit until the fall of 1859, he then embarked in business on his own account, but still remained upon the road in connection with the cigar and tobacco trade, maintaining an office during this period in Burlington. In 1863 he opened a tobacco store and began the manufacture of cigars, also dealing in all goods of that line. His was one of the first extensive cigar manufacturing plants of Burlington. The business grew with the expansion of the city, and Mr. Smith improved every opportunity for broadening the scope of his business career. In 1866 he admitted George Scott to a partnership, and later the tobacco interests of Burlington were consolidated under the firm name of Smith, Scott & Company, an extensive plant being opened on Main Street, where employment was furnished to one hundred and fifty operatives. The firm added a general tobacco business, manufacturing all kinds of cigars and other manufactured products from the tobacco plant.

In connection with Mr. Scott, Mr. Smith purchased Mr. Bolton's interest in 1868, and the business was continued successfully until the fall of 1869, when a fire destroyed their plant and stock, involving them in great loss. They however resumed operations almost immediately, purchasing the large building at the corner of Valley and Third Streets, and equipping it for the continuance of their manufacturing interests and trade. This building was sixty by one hundred and twenty feet, four stories in height, with basement, and was a brick structure. Mr. Smith also bought twenty feet of ground adjoining, on which he erected a four-story building for the firm of Acres, Blackmar & Company, which firm has since occupied it. Mr. Smith continued in the business until 1879, when another fire occurred. In the meantime Mr. Scott's interest had been purchased by Harry Cook, and the firm of Smith, Cook & Company was then formed. Following the fire of 1879 they settled up affairs and closed out the business.

Mr. Smith was also one of the promoters in the establishment of the Burlington Pickle factory, and the business was incorporated in 1880 with Mr. Smith as president. He occupied that position for a number of years, during which time the business expanded until it reached large and profitable proportions. It is still in successful operation; and although Mr. Smith has severed his connection with the business, he still owns a half interest in the building in which it is carried on. He has invested quite extensively in real estate, being at one time the owner of large farming interests. He also built a beautiful home on the bluff, corner of Eighth and Columbia Streets, where he has extensive grounds.

Mr. Smith was married to Miss Lucy Parker, of Sandusky, Lee county, Iowa, a daughter of Benjamin Parker, of Kinsman, Ohio. They have one daughter, Millie, now the wife of E. P. Eastman, of this city. Mrs. Smith died in December, 1895. She was a member of the Presbyterian church, and Mr. Smith has always been a contributor to its support and attends many of its services. In politics he has been a Republican through the years of the party's existence, but has had no political aspirations, preferring to give undivided attention to his business affairs, which, capably conducted, have been resultant factors in the acquirement of a handsome and well-merited fortune.

GEORGE M. WOODWARD.

GEORGE M. WOODWARD, one of the prominent and well-known farmers of Union Township, was born upon the farm where he now makes his home March 2, 1866. He is a son of Erastus and Martha (Comstock) Woodward. His father was born May 12, 1826, in Windsor, Vt., and is a son of Erastus and Sarah (Gilson) Woodward. The father of our subject had five brothers and four sisters. His mother died in 1870, aged eighty years, and his father in 1874, at the age of seventy-seven years.

Mr. Erastus Woodward, Jr., received his education in Meriden, N. H., where he took an academic course, graduating in the class of 1847, and in that year he left home. He traveled about till 1850, when he went to California. Here he passed through some hardships and strange

experiences, but remained till 1853, when he returned to his native State; going to Indianapolis, Ind., he purchased a horse, and in this manner made the trip to Burlington, Iowa, buying two hundred and fifteen acres of land on Sections 11, 12, and 14 in Union township. Scarcely any improvements had been made upon this land, but he immediately began its cultivation, adding more acres till he had two hundred and ninety-three acres in extent, being one of the finest and best improved farms in Des Moines county, and all the result of his own labor. The rude log cabin, in which, for a time, he lived in true pioneer style, has long since given place to a large stone dwelling, 34 x 50 feet, two stories in height. Upon the land will be found all the necessary buildings for a well-regulated farm, and everything denotes thrift and energy.

In January, 1854, Mr. Woodward was united in marriage with Miss Martha J. Comstock, who was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, Dec. 13, 1837, and is a daughter of Joab and Jane (Lemmon) Comstock, the father a native of Ohio, and the mother of Maryland. Mr. and Mrs. Comstock came to Des Moines county in 1837, being among the early pioneers, where the death of the latter occurred May 27, 1875, the husband surviving until 1881. Both were devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodward were the happy parents of ten children, seven of whom are now living: Vandoran, born Feb. 16, 1855, is now a merchant in Kansas City, Mo.; Amy E., born Sept. 10, 1856, became the wife of W. W. Gearhart, a farmer of Fair Field, Iowa; Sarah Jane, born Oct. 7, 1859, died April 9, 1860; Gideon, who

was born Aug. 16, 1862, attended the high school of Burlington, and was also a student of the State University of Iowa City, Iowa, where he learned to be a civil engineer. He married Miss Isa Barnes, and they went to India as missionaries from the Methodist church and were very successful for a while; but the climate did not seem to agree with Mr. Woodward's health, and he was called to his final home in 1901. He was a bright, active young man, always earnestly engaged in Christian work and was ever a dutiful son, a devoted husband, and a kind and loving father. Though several years have come and gone since Gideon Woodward was among his associates, and time has scored three years since he bade adieu to his scores of friends, yet his memory is still tenderly enshrined in the hearts of all who knew him, and his life made a record that was a blessing to all. Martha H., born Sept. 15, 1864; George M., born March 2, 1866, subject of this review; Lucy C., born Sept. 27, 1868; Joab T., born April 16, 1871, died April 19, 1873; Frederick A., born Nov. 11, 1873; and Eunice E., born July 30, 1874. The parents took great pains to educate their children well. Mr. Woodward died the day before Thanksgiving, Nov. 26, 1901, the same year his son Gideon died. Mrs. Woodward is still living, and makes her home in Davenport, Iowa.

In all social, public or religious enterprises Mr. Woodward took an active interest. In religious thought he was liberal, while his estimable wife is a member of the Methodist church. Politically, he was a Republican, and held various township offices; for many years was township clerk and also a member of the County Board of Supervisors, and during his term of office

the plan of the railroad bridge was submitted. He was a school director for thirty years, and aided largely in the building up of educational institutions. He was president of the Des Moines County Farmers' Mutual Fire and Lightning Insurance Company for ten years, which under his management was very successful. Among the representative farmers and respected citizens of Des Moines county none stood higher in the esteem of all than did Mr. Woodward, and we are pleased to record the sketch of so prominent a gentleman.

Our subject received his education in the district schools, and later attended the school in Burlington for two years. He spent one year on the Pacific Coast, after which he was on the home farm with his father. Feb. 19, 1896, he married Miss Bernice Hathaway, daughter of Charles and Anna A. (De Lashmett) Hathaway, of Flint River township, but now of Burlington. Mrs. Woodward was born March 18, 1872, in Burlington, Iowa. Her father was born in New York and when a youth was brought by his parents to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; before he had reached his majority he had served three years in the Civil War. After this he was in business in the city of Burlington, but soon bought a farm in Flint River and Union townships, and later in Flint River township, where he was a very successful farmer and where he lived till he retired from active life. Mr. and Mrs. Hathaway now reside at 134 South Central Avenue, in Burlington. He is a Republican, but not a politician. He and his good wife are members of the Presbyterian church.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Woodward three children were born: Homer, Adna, and Maxine.

About the time Mr. Woodward was married he began to farm for himself, and after his father's death he took the old homestead and is one of the practical, prosperous farmers of the township. He is a staunch Republican, but has never been an aspirant for any office, yet always ready to assist his party to the best of his ability. He and his worthy wife are devoted members of the Methodist church, ever willing to aid the cause of Christianity with time, money, or ability. Mr. Woodward has inherited many of the sterling qualities of his departed father, and he is universally respected in his community, where his name is above reproach, and he and Mrs. Woodward enjoy the hospitality of many of the homes of the township and county.

WILLIAM B. HUNT.

WILLIAM B. HUNT, a farmer and worthy representative of one of the pioneer families of Des Moines county, now living in Burlington, was born in Union township, Oct. 4, 1857. He is a descendant of Simon Hunt, a native of Liverpool, England, who came to America prior to the Revolutionary War, and settled in Maryland, being at that time thirteen years of age. He lived upon a farm, and eventually engaged in farming on his own account. He married and had five sons and two daughters: namely, Samuel, Joshua, John, Wesley, Abraham, Nackie, and Mrs. Sally Roberts. The children were all born in Maryland, but removed to Washington county, Tennessee, and it is probable that the father also went to that State.

John Hunt, son of Simon Hunt, and

grandfather of William B. Hunt, was born in Maryland, Feb. 2, 1776, and became a resident of Washington county, Tennessee, where he married Esther Bartlett, a native of that State, born June 27, 1783. They were the parents of eleven children, four of whom were born in Tennessee, while Samuel was born in a blockhouse in Madison county, Illinois, and the younger members of the family were born in Bond county. Many of the Hunts went to Illinois in 1811, and were in Madison county at the time of the War of 1812. Considerable difficulty with the Indians was experienced about that time, and the Hunts, together with their neighbors, built a blockhouse, in which they sought protection against the invasions of the red men. Later John Hunt and his family went to Bond county, Illinois. He had served in the War of 1812 as a teamster, his duty, however, calling him only a short distance from home. He took up considerable land in Bond county, but later removed to McDonough county, Illinois, settling ten miles east of Macomb on the Quincy road. He had between four and five hundred acres of land there, and continued a resident of that county until 1836, living in true pioneer style: for that was then a frontier region, in which few settlements had been made, while the work of cultivating farms and otherwise improving the country had been scarcely begun. About 1836 or 1837 he brought his children, who were not then married, to Des Moines county, Iowa, trading his Illinois land for property here; and again he became a frontier settler, aiding in reclaiming this portion of the State for the uses of the white man. He secured a tract of land and developed a farm, becoming one of the leading agriculturists of his community. He died Feb. 21, 1850, when

seventy-four years of age, and his wife died Sept. 10, 1858, when seventy-five years of age. Their children were as follows: Lydia, who was born Aug. 23, 1803, and became the wife of Robert Coles; Charles Wesley, born May 25, 1805, father of our subject; Jesse, born June 20, 1807; Mary, who was born Nov. 22, 1809, and became Mrs. McAdams; Samuel, born March 25, 1813; Nancy, born Aug. 10, 1815; William C., born Jan. 21, 1818; John B., born May 25, 1820; Esther, who was born Feb. 1, 1823, and married Linus Delashmut; Louisa, born July 21, 1825; and Sarah Almira, born April 8, 1832. Of this family Jesse Hunt was the first to come to Des Moines county, arriving in 1834. Samuel arrived about the same time, and they took claims together, after which Samuel returned to Illinois, but a year later again came to Iowa. Charles Wesley also came in 1835. They entered some land from the government, and also bought some; and at his death Jesse Hunt left four hundred acres, and Samuel Hunt between two hundred and fifty and three hundred acres.

C. Wesley Hunt, son of John Hunt, was born in the vicinity of Nashville, in Washington county, Tennessee, Feb. 2, 1776, and when the family removed to Illinois, he made the journey on horseback. He resided successively in Madison, Bond, and McDonough counties, in that State, and in 1835 came to Iowa. He taught school in Des Moines county, being one of the earliest teachers of the State, and in other ways he contributed to the pioneer development of Iowa, aiding in laying the foundation for its present progress. He lived upon a farm about three miles west of Burlington, and prospering in his undertakings he left a farm of three hundred and fifty acres of

land, well improved with good buildings, so that its value was greatly enhanced thereby, as well as through the cultivation of the fields. He was married in 1840 to Miss Eliza L. Foster, a daughter of Constantine and Margaret (Sayre) Foster, who came from New Jersey to the West, Mrs. Hunt having been born at Cape May, that State. They traveled in a covered wagon to Ohio, and afterward went to Sangamon county, Illinois, where Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Hunt were married. She was then the widow of a Mr. Berry, and had one daughter, Frances, who afterward married Frank Lodge, and is now living in Bement, Ill. While living in Illinois, C. Wesley Hunt became a soldier of the Black Hawk war, enlisting from McDonough county, and in later years he received a pension in recognition of his services. He died Nov. 6, 1903, at the age of eighty-eight years, his birth having occurred May 25, 1805, while his wife, who was born May 13, 1820, died Jan. 28, 1895. They were the parents of nine children: Harriet, who married John H. Shepherd, of Fort Madison, Iowa; J. Benton, who is living in Muscatine, Iowa; Catherine, the wife of H. Woods Robinson, of Chicago; Elbridge, who died at the age of twenty-eight years; Charles, a resident of Atlantic, Iowa; Joseph, who died at the age of twenty-three years; Lee, who died at the age of three years; William B.; and Lou E., the wife of Charles E. Peasley, of Stronghurst, Ill.

William B. Hunt obtained his early education in the public schools of Burlington, and afterward attended the old Baptist College, and also the Burlington Business College, being thus well equipped, by thorough mental training, for the practical and responsible duties of life. As soon as old

enough to handle the plow he began work in the fields, and he continued to engage in agricultural pursuits. When twenty years of age he assumed the management of the old homestead, where his father had settled in 1835, transforming a wild prairie tract into well-cultivated fields. Mr. Hunt ultimately came into possession of the old homestead, and is now the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of land, on which are substantial buildings and many modern improvements, constituting this a valuable property. He engaged in the raising and feeding of stock, making a specialty of cattle and hogs, and he continued in the active management and operation of his farm until 1891, when he removed to Burlington, where he has since resided, his home being at 317 S. Central Avenue.

Mr. Hunt is not only known as a leading agriculturist, but is also prominent and influential in public affairs, and was called to represent his district in the State Legislature, where he served for four years, attending three sessions. He was elected in 1896 upon the Democratic ticket, and took an active and helpful part in securing the passage of measures which he believed would prove beneficial to his district and the commonwealth. His public record is commendable, for he ever placed the welfare of the State before partisanship or self-aggrandizement. Fraternally, he is connected with Burlington Lodge, No. 84, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

On the 23d of December, 1885, Mr. Hunt was married to Miss Alice M. Stewart, of Danville, this county, a daughter of W. H. and Sybil (Higley) Stewart. She is a great-great-granddaughter of William Messenger, who was a colonel in the Revolutionary War, enlisting from Massachusetts. Later

the Messengers removed to Ohio, and the Higleys lived at Windom, Ohio. The Stewarts were of Scotch descent, and Mrs. Hunt's father was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, and came to Iowa in 1839, with his father, James Stewart. The Messengers came at an earlier day, and both families were pioneer settlers of Des Moines county. Hiram Messenger, grandfather of Mrs. Hunt, owned a tavern at Danville and also a farm in the same locality, and both he and his wife died in Burlington, at an advanced age. W. H. Stewart and his wife settled on a farm in the vicinity of Danville. He died Feb. 9, 1904, but his wife is still living. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hunt have been born two children, Clara Louise and Helen. The family have many friends in Burlington and throughout the county and Mr. Hunt, as one of its native sons, has made a life record which reflects credit upon the place of his nativity, for he has been found trustworthy in citizenship, faithful in friendship, and reliable in all business transactions.

GEORGE B. P. CARPENTER.

GEORGE B. P. CARPENTER, of Burlington, whose mercantile career, characterized by all that was straightforward and honorable, and in harmony with the highest commercial ethics, won for him the confidence and respect of his fellow-men, while his manly virtues and kindly, considerate spirit gained him warm and enduring friendships, was born in New Holland, Pa., Dec. 10, 1836. He was the son of Anthony and Catherine Carpenter, who went to Pennsylvania as children, the father from Germany, and the mother from Ireland. For many years the



G. B. P. Carpenter

father engaged in the jewelry business at New Holland, remaining a resident of that place until his life's labors were ended in death. He died about the time of the Civil War, but his widow lived many years longer, surviving all of her children except G. B. P. Carpenter, who was a most devoted, loyal, and loving son, never letting a year pass without returning at least once to the old home to visit his mother. She passed away about 1877. In the family were twelve children, of whom A. W. Carpenter, one of the pioneer residents of Burlington, was the eldest, while George B. P. Carpenter was the youngest.

In his native town G. B. P. Carpenter spent the days of his boyhood and youth and acquired his education in the public schools. He learned the first principles of the jewelry and watch-making business with his father in New Holland, and later went to Philadelphia, where he entered upon a regular apprenticeship to the watch-making trade, thoroughly mastering the business in every detail. He then came to Burlington, arriving in this city in May, 1856. Here he entered the employ of his two brothers, Anthony W. and William Carpenter, who were engaged in the jewelry business, remaining in that connection with the house until a few years later, when William Carpenter died, and George B. P. Carpenter was admitted to a partnership, under the firm name of A. W. Carpenter & Brother. The business had been established by the senior partner in 1837, and was therefore one of the pioneer mercantile enterprises of the city. It was also soon recognized as the leading jewelry house of Burlington—a position which it has since maintained.

Upon the death of A. W. Carpenter, the remaining brother admitted his nephew,

E. H. Carpenter, son of A. W. Carpenter, to the firm, which became known as G. B. P. & E. H. Carpenter, their store being located at the corner of Third and Jefferson Streets, the firm owning the building. In this line of commercial activity Mr. Carpenter continued with marked success up to the time of his demise, which occurred May 3, 1880, and since that time E. H. Carpenter & Son have conducted the store, which for almost threescore and ten years has been a factor in the business life of Burlington.

In 1861 occurred the marriage of George B. P. Carpenter and Miss Sarah Stockton, a daughter of Judge L. D. Stockton, a prominent citizen of Burlington, now deceased. There was one child of this marriage,—Flora, the wife of C. E. Brooks, who is connected with the National State Bank of Burlington. Mrs. Carpenter died in 1863, and on the sixth of October, 1868, Mr. Carpenter married Miss Ella Harman, who was born in this city, a daughter of Phillip Harman, who died in California during her early girlhood. He was a contractor and builder of Burlington at an early day and went to California for the benefit of his health, but after three months died of heart trouble. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Eliza Hayden, is a native of Ohio. Following the death of her first husband, she married L. M. Runyan, a native of Kentucky, the wedding being celebrated in Burlington. Mr. Runyan conducted a grocery store in Burlington from 1857 until 1878, and for a long period lived retired in this city. He and his wife now make their home with her daughter, Mrs. Carpenter, at No. 102 Polk Street. Mrs. Runyan came to Burlington in 1838, when it was a small town containing only two brick houses, and she has seen it develop

to its present extensive proportions, with all of the improvements and equipments of the larger cities. Mrs. Carpenter is her only child. Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter became the parents of three children, of whom one died in infancy: Elsie is the wife of William M. Davis, a practising attorney of Iowa City, Iowa; Porter Harman, who learned telegraphy in Burlington, is now with the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad in their offices at Chicago.

In his political affiliation Mr. Carpenter was a Democrat. He belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church and took a very active and efficient part in its work, doing all in his power to promote its growth and extend its influence. Mrs. Carpenter also belongs to the same church, and is a member of the Ladies' Aid Society. At the time of the Civil War Mr. Carpenter, because of his Quaker principles, did not enlist in the army, but his sympathies were with the North. He was always a public-spirited citizen, doing everything in his power to promote the welfare of his adopted city and State. He built a fine home at 100 Polk Street in 1878, but after his death, Mrs. Carpenter sold this property to Frank Milard, and has since lived with her mother at 102 Polk Street, where they have a beautiful residence overlooking the Mississippi River.

During his last two years Mr. Carpenter was in ill health and spent considerable time in travel, hoping to be benefited thereby. He went to Florida and Colorado, and was at Pueblo when he was taken suddenly worse, and was advised by his physicians to return home. He rallied under the treatment given him, and feeling much better, started for Burlington. Even at Ottumwa, Iowa, he said, "I am all right now," but be-

fore the train had reached Fairfield he had expired. His death caused universal sorrow in Burlington. An old-time friend said of him: "As a young man no one in Burlington had more or warmer friends. The circle of his acquaintance was large, and his cheerful, lively disposition, his cordial manner, and his thorough manliness made him one of the most popular young men in the city. He was very successful in business, his friendly, hearty ways contributing greatly to that result." All through his life he had "the love and honor of troops of friends." There was nothing narrow or selfish in his nature; on the contrary, he was kind, generous, and good, faithful to his friends, and having no enemies. In his business career he did not prosper at the sacrifice of other men's fortunes,—as is too often the case at this day,—but in the field of legitimate trade accumulated his competence as the result of diligence, enterprise, and honorable dealing. He was yet in the prime of life when called to the home beyond, but in the forty-four years of his earthly pilgrimage he accomplished much good, his being such a life as awakens the faith and confidence of men in their fellow-men, and inspires their emulation of his noble example.

WILLIAM C. CROSS.

WILLIAM C. CROSS, who is engaged in the insurance business in Burlington, and who is very prominent and widely known in Masonic circles, was born in Georgetown, Mass. His father, George G. Cross, of New England parentage, was a painter by trade, and conducted a paint store in connection with his brother-in-law, George P. Folsom.

He was also proprietor of a hotel at Wolfboro, N. H. At the time of the Civil War he went to the front with a regiment of artillery from Rhode Island, and died in 1867 as the result of concussion from cannonading. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary A. Hatch, is now living in Dover, N. H. In their family were five children, of whom William C. Cross was the second in order of birth, and the only one now living.

In his early boyhood days William C. Cross accompanied his parents on their removal to Dover, N. H., where he was reared to manhood, and acquired his education in the common and high schools. After putting aside his text-books he accepted a clerkship in a dry-goods store, where he remained for five years, then removing to Michigan, settling at East Saginaw, where he entered railroad services, with which he was connected for a long period as a representative of the operators' department of several great railroad systems. He first engaged with the Flint & Pere Marquette Railroad as a brakeman on a passenger train, and later was the company's representative and handled a gang of men in construction work on the building of an extension to its line. He was for four years conductor on a passenger train on the three divisions of that line, going from Saginaw to Detroit, Toledo to Holly, and Saginaw to Ludington, Mich. He ran the first passenger train out of Ludington, and doubled one week after the Ludington extension was completed. In 1877 he resigned his position with the Flint & Pere Marquette Railroad and came to Burlington, where he entered the service of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad as brakeman on the freight run between Burlington and Ottumwa, acting in that capacity through nine

months. He was then put on a construction train as foreman of a gang working in the summer months, and was appointed a regular freight run in the winter season. He laid the iron on the Red Oak-Griswold extension of the Q. system. He acted as clerk for trainmaster J. W. Working of the operating system for seven or eight years, and during the memorable railroad strike of 1888 he was appointed general yardmaster of the Burlington system at Burlington. In 1890 he was made trainmaster of the east Iowa division, in addition to his other duties as general yardmaster. In 1898 he retired from railroad work and established himself in the insurance business, representing such companies as the Continental German Alliance, Aachen-Munich, the Ætna Accident, and many other good fire and accident insurance companies, with offices in the Parson's Block, and during his connection with the business he has secured a good clientage.

Mr. Cross was married in 1873 in East Saginaw, Mich., to Miss Maggie Landis, a native of Ohio, who was reared in Michigan.

He is very prominent in lodge work, especially in Masonry, and for long years has been a worthy exemplar of the craft. He belongs to Des Moines Lodge, No. 1, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and was made a Mason in Saginaw, Mich., Jan. 2, 1884. He is now a pastmaster of the lodge, and in September, 1874, he took the degrees of the Royal Arch and now belongs to Iowa Chapter, No. 1, Royal Arch Masons, of which he is the present high priest. On the fifteenth of November, 1900, he took the Knights Templar degrees in St. Omer Commandery, No. 15, Knights Templar, and is past eminent commander. He

is likewise a member of Zarepath Consistory of Davenport, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish rite in August, 1886; while on the tenth of February, 1887, the thirty-third degree of Masonry was conferred upon him — an honor to which few attain. He is also a member of Zerubbabel Council, of Burlington, of which he is thrice illustrious master. He belongs to Burlington Lodge, No. 84, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he was past most exalted ruler in 1900, and is past district deputy grand exalted ruler of Iowa. For eight years he has been trustee of the local lodge in Burlington. He is, perhaps, one of the best-known Masons in this section, thoroughly familiar with the teachings and tenets of the craft, and in his life exemplifying its beneficent spirit.

He was formerly a member and served on the executive committee of the order of Railway Conductors. In politics he is a Democrat, but has never sought or desired political preferment. Mr. and Mrs. Cross attend the Methodist Episcopal church, of which she is a member.

EDGAR THOMAS JACKSON.

IN preparing a work of reference of this nature for the use of later generations, the historian is proud to record the names and achievements of the brave pioneers who came when the country was new, and braved the hardships of frontier life in order to open the way for the civilization, wealth, and prosperity that we now enjoy. E. T. Jackson, whose name leads this article, is a worthy representative of one of the pioneer families that

have won distinction and respect in Des Moines county.

The founder of this family in Des Moines county was Nehemiah H. Jackson, grandfather of our subject, who came to this region when it was government land, and homesteaded a large tract. Nehemiah Jackson, was born at Addison, Addison county, Vt., in the year 1801, and lived there till manhood. Some time after his marriage he went to New York State, near Oswego, where he remained for two years. From there he moved with his father, the great-grandfather of our subject, to Illinois, where he remained one year, and in 1834 came to Iowa.

The trip from New York to Illinois was made in a wagon drawn by an ox-team, six weeks being required to make the journey. On coming to Iowa, Nehemiah Jackson homesteaded a farm of three hundred and twenty acres in Section 19, Benton township, the present farm of our subject, his grandson, as well as the farm on which another grandson, Burton Jackson, now resides. Here he built a log cabin, by his own labor even splitting the clapboard for a roof, and hewing a floor out of split hickory with an adze. After he had made the beginnings of the new home, he brought his family from Illinois, they arriving in June, 1835.

They crossed the river at Burlington on a flatboat. Burlington was then a village of log huts, with only one frame building on the north side of the landing. Their first year's crop was five acres of small corn. Old Black Hawk, with one hundred warriors, soon camped by their home, and wanted to "swap" some things for salt. The country was unoccupied at this time, and Mr. Matthew Latty was

the only other settler in this part of the country for miles around. He had come as early as 1833.

Nehemiah Jackson was the main promoter of the cause of education in the community. Whenever a settler came in, he at once went to see him, and inquired if he had children, and if he was in favor of schools. At first they were compelled to have subscription schools, but later he aided in getting public schools. His activity in this and other lines pertaining to the public welfare made him practically the foremost man of his neighborhood until the close of his life. He died at the home place on May 26, 1853, and lies buried in Loper cemetery, at Sperry.

In early manhood, before leaving Addison, Nehemiah Jackson was united in marriage to Miss Lucy Pond, who survived him by twenty-five years, her death occurring in 1878, when she was at the age of sixty-six years. To them were born several children, of whom two, Elliot F. and Mrs. Melissa Howard, made their homes, in later years, in Malcolm, Nebr.; while Myron H., father of the subject of this history, made his home on the old homestead.

Myron Hull Jackson was born at Addison, Vt., April 25, 1828, and was only five years old when, with his parents, he made the long overland journey to Illinois, and seven when they came to Iowa. His schooling consisted of a few terms at the district schools of Benton township, supplemented by home lessons. The home environment was such as to encourage him to add to his education by his own efforts, and he became a great student and reader, being throughout his mature years a man who was always

thoroughly informed on all the vital topics of the day.

While he was receiving his education he was also assisting in the heavy farm work always to be found on a pioneer homestead. He always made his home on the place which his father had preempted, adding to it another forty acres. Besides general farming, he carried on a stock-raising business very successfully, raising many Shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs. He inherited part of the home place, and to this he made additions from time to time until he owned three hundred and forty acres of farm land, all improved except a small tract of timber.

Myron H. Jackson was a Republican in his political faith, throughout his entire life, and was always active in politics, although he preferred to be part of the power behind the throne, rather than to aspire to public office for himself. Although he was in the midst of a strong Democratic community, his reputation for being a public-spirited citizen who always sought for the best interests of the community, made him a very influential figure in all political affairs. He served as justice of the peace for a number of terms, with credit to himself and satisfaction to his neighbors. He was also Republican township chairman for many years, and an indefatigable worker for the good of his party, at the same time being broad and liberal in his views.

In early manhood Myron H. Jackson became a member of Pisgah Baptist church, at Sperry, remaining an active member till the end of his life. He was a trustee and deacon in this organization for something like forty years. He always took great interest in church mat-

ters, giving liberally to its support, and also taking an active part in revival services. His life was that of a Christian man and a good neighbor. Besides his efforts in church work, he was also an earnest worker in the cause of temperance. He was a power for good in the community to a ripe old age, passing away at his home near Latty, Jan. 1, 1902, in the seventy-fourth year of his life.

At the age of twenty-seven, Myron H. Jackson was united in marriage at Sperry, Iowa, on Jan. 18, 1855, to Miss Sarah Penny, whose home was near Latty. Mrs. Jackson was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, Jan. 30, 1830, the daughter of John and Rebecca (Weddell) Penny. The father, John Penny, was a native of Pennsylvania, born Sept. 11, 1802, and came to Iowa in November, 1844, locating one mile east of Latty. He was a farmer and miller, and was married Sept. 12, 1822, to Miss Rebecca Weddell. He took a prominent part in the politics of the new country, following the fortunes of the Democratic party, and was elected to the House of Representatives in the Territorial Legislature of Iowa, which met at that time at Iowa City.

John Penny also found time to carry on active work in church matters, being a member of the Baptist church at Sperry, and acting as deacon for a number of years. He died Dec. 14, 1886. His wife, Rebecca Weddell, also came of an old Pennsylvania family. She was born Jan. 30, 1805, and lived till Oct. 1, 1880, when she died at the home place near Latty. She was a devoted Christian, holding membership in the Baptist church. Mr. and Mrs. Penny were the parents of a

large family of children besides Sarah, the wife of Myron H. Jackson.

Mrs. Myron H. Jackson, mother of our subject, is still living, and resides on the old home place, making her home with her son. To Mr. Jackson and her were born nine children, of whom seven are still living. Those living are as follows: Fremont, of Altamont, Kans., whose wife was Miss Mattie Hunt, and to whom have been born three children, Clay, Josephine, and Frances; Hattie, wife of James Howard, of Danville, Iowa, to whom have been born three children, Murle, Grace, and Wallace; Denira, wife of Wallace Miller, of Mediapolis, to whom have been born two sons and one daughter, Espey, Genevieve, and Burton; Burton, of Latty, whose wife was Miss Idaho Pershing, and who has a little adopted daughter, Ethel; Edgar, whose career is the special subject of this review; Frank, whose home is in Prosser, Wash., where he has a farm; and Sadie, who is at home.

Edgar Thomas Jackson, the immediate subject of this history, was born on the home place, Aug. 3, 1868, and received his early education in the district schools and in the Burlington high school. After leaving high school, he spent a term in the Dixon Business College, at Dixon, Ill. Most of his time there was given to the study of telegraphy. After attaining a mastery of this profession he secured a position as operator and station agent for the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, at Kamrar, Hamilton county, Iowa. This position he filled very satisfactorily for two and a half years. At the end of this time his father needed his assistance so greatly that he returned to the home place and took the supervision of the

farm. At this work he has been very successful, making a specialty of stock-raising, raising high-grade cattle and hogs, and some sheep, besides carrying on general farming.

On Sept. 16, 1903, E. T. Jackson was united in marriage to Miss Emma Jackson, the daughter of William and Adeline (Wassom) Jackson, of this township. Mr. and Mrs. William Jackson came from Pennsylvania, and have always followed the business of farming. To Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Jackson one son has been born, William Herbert, born Oct. 14, 1904.

Following in the footsteps of his father, Mr. Edgar Jackson has shown his love of country by taking an active part in the political life of the community, affiliating himself with the Republican party. He has served for about five years as chairman of the township central committee of his party, and has several times been a member of the county convention. In the midst of his other interests, Mr. Jackson has always found time to advance the cause of right in the community by doing his share of church work. He is a loyal member of the Baptist church at Sperry, of which his father and mother and his maternal grandfather and grandmother were members, the grandfather and father both being deacons for many years. Mr. E. T. Jackson has always worked in the Sunday-school in various capacities, and is also clerk of the church.

Coming of an excellent family, genial by nature, and possessing a high degree of native ability, Mr. Jackson enjoys the fullest confidence of all who know him, confidence in the soundness of his judgment, the absolute rectitude of his every

act, and in his ability. Mr. Jackson is a man of such force of character that while achieving a private business success he can contribute in a material degree to the general advancement and upbuilding of the community.

SAMUEL E. NIXON, M. D.

DR. SAMUEL E. NIXON, one of the prominent physicians and surgeons of Burlington, was born at Guyandotte, W. Va., on Aug. 9, 1849, his parents being Edward and Mary Ann (Phelps) Nixon. The Nixons, several generations remote, were of German birth, but persecution in their native land drove them to Ireland, and from that country Alexander Nixon, the great-grandfather, came to America. Because of the non-emigration act of Great Britain, he had to leave Ireland secretly, and swam out two or three miles in order to reach a vessel bound for an American port. He then hid in the hold until the anchor had been lifted and the ship under way. He settled in Marietta, Ohio, then a wild frontier district, and was often engaged in fighting Indians, who still roamed over that section of the country. He was also a great hunter, and spent much time in the forests with his gun. At his death he left a large family.

His son, who was also named Alexander Nixon, possessed many of his father's salient characteristics, and lived a life very similar to his. He married, and by that union had eight children. Later, after his first wife's decease, he married a widow with eight children, and they had five children, making twenty-one children in their family. Alexander Nixon, Jr., died at the

age of sixty-five years, and his wife passed away later, at the age of seventy years.

Edward Nixon, father of Dr. Nixon, was born at Marietta, Ohio, June 15, 1815, and became a merchant tailor; but his health failed him, and accordingly he removed to West Virginia in 1840. He was a staunch Abolitionist and a very outspoken man. Because of his views concerning the slavery question he was obliged to leave the South, and came to Iowa in 1852. He was forced to make his escape secretly and at night, and he took with him two horses and some of his clothing. He owned property to the value of thirty thousand dollars in West Virginia, but was obliged to leave this, although afterward through an agent he received five horses for his property. He came by wagon to Iowa, settling near Dubuque, where he secured land at a dollar and a quarter per acre. He was himself in poor health and his wife was sickly. In West Virginia he had married Mary Ann Phelps, who had gone South to teach school. She was born in Cambridge, Mass., in 1817, and was a daughter of Samuel Phelps. Her paternal grandfather was a soldier of the Revolutionary War, and served in the battles of Lexington and Concord. Her father was a carpenter and builder. Mrs. Nixon was educated in a young ladies' school in Cambridge, and afterward went to West Virginia, where she had wealthy relatives living. After Mr. and Mrs. Nixon came to Iowa they suffered many of the discomforts and hardships of pioneer life. Mr. Nixon had to go to Kentucky to get the horses that came to him from his West Virginia property. There were great snowstorms the first winter, and although Mr. Nixon was a man of great energy and endurance, the exposure

which he suffered in a night, while going three miles from a neighbor's house to his own cabin, leading a horse through the crusted snow, so exhausted him that he was confined to his bed for a year. As soon as possible, however, he resumed his labors and made two trips a day, thirty-two miles, hauling rails through the cold and snow, in order to fence his farm. An earnest Christian man, he placed his faith and dependence in God, and in time was enabled to overcome all the early difficulties which attended his life in Iowa. He remained upon his farm until 1865, when he removed to Danville, where he engaged in merchandising, but later he resumed agricultural pursuits near Mount Pleasant, Iowa.

Dr. Nixon, who was one of a family of five children, remained at home and assisted his father until seventeen years of age, when he started out upon an independent business career. When but thirteen years of age, however, he ran a header for weeks, cutting wheat, and made three dollars per day. When seventeen years of age he began teaching school in McDonough county, and spent two years in teaching in or near Table Grove, Ill. His leisure hours were devoted to study, and this greatly broadened his own education, giving him a good foundation for his professional learning when he entered Hahnemann Medical College at Chicago, from which he was graduated with the class of 1874. He read medicine in the office of Dr. W. T. Virgin, of Burlington, and after his graduation was associated with him in practice for a year. He was then alone in practice for four years, after which he became the successor of Dr. Virgin, who removed from the city. He has since prospered, and now has a large and continually growing practice. The con-

sensus of public opinion concerning his ability is most favorable, for he has many times demonstrated his skill and comprehensive knowledge in the manner in which he has handled difficult cases. He belongs to the Iowa State Homeopathic Medical Society.

Dr. Nixon was married, in 1878, to Miss Lucy Wilcox, who died in March, 1892. Their only child died in 1889. On the 30th of June, Dr. Nixon was again married, his second union being with Miss Mary Hillhouse, who died July 26, 1900, leaving two children: Edwin Allen and Norman Kennett. On Nov. 25, 1901, Dr. Nixon married Mrs. Mary A. Kunz, a daughter of L. Link, a retired merchant and capitalist of Burlington. She has a superior musical education, having received training under noted teachers in Germany and France.

Dr. Nixon has advanced high in Masonry, belonging to Malta Lodge, No. 318, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a past master; Iowa Chapter, No. 1, Royal Arch Masons; St. Omer Commandery, No. 15, Knights Templar, of which he is a past eminent commander; and Kaaba Temple of the Mystic Shrine, at Davenport. He is also a member of the Crystal Lake Hunting Club. A man of scholarly attainments and broad mental culture, occupying a position of prominence in professional circles, he also enjoys the social life, which indicates a well-rounded nature.

DR. WILLIAM HENRY RANDALL.

DR. WILLIAM HENRY RANDALL was for thirty years a resident of Augusta, and during that period he occupied so high a position in the public esteem that no his-

tory of Des Moines county would be complete which did not accord to his name and life a prominent place. Dr. Randall was born in Wilton, Me., on the 14th day of June, 1830, a son of Esek and Edith (Pickens) Randall. The father, who was by trade a miller, was a native of Middleboro, Mass., the date of his birth being 1800, and was a son of Joshua Randall, whose wife was a member of the Hoar family of Massachusetts. Joshua Randall, who was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, removed to Maine when his son Esek was in infancy, and in that State he passed his remaining years. He became the owner of a farm near the town of Wilton, and while engaged in farming also continued his work as a minister of the gospel, until he came into disagreement with his congregation regarding some point of doctrine, when he ceased preaching, and thereafter devoted himself to farming.

Esek Randall grew to manhood near Wilton, and having received a good education, became a teacher. He later purchased a mill at East Dixfield, Me. He was the father of seven children, of whom our subject was the fourth, while he himself was a member of a family of five brothers, two of whom were graduates of Bowdoin College, one of these being a classmate of the poet Longfellow. Two of his brothers followed the profession of law, while another embraced a business career as a merchant.

The subject of this memoir early became a student in the academy at Thetford, Vt., where he pursued a course of study, and on the completion of his work there he followed the paternal example and took up teaching. He was teaching

at Upton, Worcester county, Mass., in 1853 when he met Miss Martha Fowler, who afterward became his wife. He taught there for a few years, and then began the study of medicine in the medical college at Castleton, Vt., from which he was graduated with the degree of M. D. about the year 1857. A believer in the splendid future of the West, he at once removed to Illinois, locating at Ingraham, Clay county, where he rapidly built up a large practice. Meantime he had maintained a correspondence with Miss Fowler, and in 1860 returned to Upton, Mass., where on June 14 of that year they were united in marriage. They took up their residence at Ingraham, Ill., but in 1863 the perils of the great crisis through which the nation was then passing appealed so forcibly to Dr. Randall's patriotism that he returned to the East and enlisted in a Massachusetts regiment as a private. He was first stationed at Gallope Island, a training camp, and after a few weeks Mrs. Randall visited him there, and carried him a commission as assistant surgeon in the Nineteenth Maine Regiment. She then went to the home of her father, where she remained during her husband's service with the army. He went at once to the front, where about a year later his distinguished abilities brought him appointment as surgeon with the rank of major. He continued with the Federal forces until the end of the war, when he was mustered out of the service with his regiment at Augusta, Me. Mrs. Randall was there to meet him, and shortly afterward they went to live at Rome, Richland county, Ohio, making that their home until their removal to Augusta, Des Moines county, Iowa, in 1869.

Miss Martha M. Fowler, who became the wife of Dr. Randall, was born at Upton, Mass., a daughter of Hiram and Anna (Whitney) Fowler. Her father was a native of Rohobeth, Mass., and in addition to his occupation of farming was very well known as a lecturer. The mother, born in Upton, belonged to that celebrated Whitney family which has for one of its members the famous Eli Whitney, inventor of the cotton gin. She was a woman of ability and culture, and to her children were given the same advantages of excellent academic education which she herself enjoyed.

To Dr. and Mrs. Randall were born two children. Anna, born in Clay county, Illinois, married W. A. Murphy, and now resides in Denmark township, Lee county, this State. She has three children: Martha, a graduate of Denmark Academy and of the Business College at Dixon, Ill., and now a teacher in Lee county; Annabel, at present a student at Denmark Academy; and Randall, a pupil in the grammar grades at Denmark. Osman, the second child of Dr. and Mrs. Randall, was born at Rome, Ohio, in 1867, and died at Augusta, Iowa, in 1874.

While Dr. Randall was all his life greatly interested in public affairs and in all matters of politics, his professional practice was at all times so great in volume that he was unable to give more than a modicum of his time to partisan activities. Born and reared a Democrat, he early allied himself with the Republican party, his first ballot being cast for General Winfield Scott for the presidency in 1852, and his second vote for John C. Fremont in 1856. He also ever evinced absorbing interest in the progress and

welfare of popular education, which he believed to be thoroughly in concord with his exalted ideals of American liberty. From a material point of view he was highly successful, as his medical practice was very lucrative. He was a man of strong and resolute character, noted for the purity, integrity, and fearless uprightness of his life, and was possessed of natural talents far beyond the ordinary. It was in no selfish spirit that he dedicated his powers to the service of humanity, and he received his reward in the high respect and warm regard in which he was ever held by those who knew him. He died at Augusta on Dec. 23, 1899. A devoted husband, a loving, indulgent father, and a strong, true man, he has left a memory and an influence that shall long endure. Mrs. Randall is a lady of exceptional ability, of pleasing presence and conversational powers, and inherits the instinctive culture of her many generations of Puritan ancestry. She has a wide circle of acquaintance, and her home is the center of a refined hospitality.

JOHN CALVIN McCLURKIN.

THE great Mississippi valley, with its broad prairies and rich lands, furnishes splendid opportunities to the farmer and stock-raiser, and Des Moines county is an attractive district of this great region for him who would win success in the raising of stock or in the cultivation of cereals. Mr. McClurkin is to-day a prominent representative of the former department of business, and has a valuable tract of land in Yellow Springs township. He

was born in Louisa county, Iowa, Aug. 29, 1846, his parents being Matthew and Eliza Ann (McClure) McClurkin. The mother died in Louisa county when her son John was only six years old. The father went to California during the gold excitement on the Pacific Coast, making his way to that far-off country in 1849, but he died within a day and a half's travel of the mines, his remains being interred there.

After the death of his parents, John C. McClurkin went to live with an uncle in the paternal line, and remained with him until he attained his majority. He was educated in the district schools, was reared to the occupation of farming, and has always followed that pursuit. He came to Des Moines county about 1863, when a young man of seventeen years of age, and was here employed as a farm hand for some time, working persistently and earnestly in order to acquire a sum of money that would justify him in the purchase of land.

Mr. McClurkin enlisted in Company H, Forty-fifth Iowa Infantry, at Morning Sun, and was mustered into service at Keokuk. They went down the Mississippi River, and from thence to Corinth, where they were stationed to do guard duty at the railroad bridge over the river at Moscow. He served with his regiment until he received his honorable discharge from service at Keokuk, the time of his enlistment being for one hundred days.

About 1875 he bought a farm of T. Reed, and he now owns two hundred and forty acres of valuable land in Yellow Springs and Washington townships, eighty acres being in the former and one hundred and sixty acres in the latter

township. Here he raises and feeds from one to three car-loads of cattle each year, and he also has upon his place about seventy-five head of hogs of the Poland China breed. He is an excellent judge of stock, and is thus enabled to make careful purchases and profitable sales. He finds that the branch of business which he has chosen as a life work gives him ample opportunity for the exercise of his business talents and industry.

March 11, 1880, Mr. McClurkin was married to Miss Malvina Louisa Reed, a daughter of David and Helena Jane (Carithers) Reed, a native of Indiana. Six children have been born of this union: Anna Jane, David Roy, Mildred Eliza, Leila Myrtie, Lizzie Viola, and John Calvin. Mr. McClurkin has spent his entire life in Iowa, covering now a period of almost sixty years. His attention and interests have been concentrated upon agricultural pursuits, and he is now a prominent representative of stock-raising here. His business methods will bear the closest investigation and scrutiny, and the extent of his operations have made him prosperous.

WALTER G. STEINGREABER.

A VERY prominent resident of Des Moines county, Iowa, and one who is numbered among the most influential citizens of Benton township, is Walter G. Steingreaber, who was born in Saxony, Germany, Dec. 27, 1844, the son of Charles and Henrietta Steingreaber, both natives of Saxony. The father of our subject was by trade a glazier, an occupation which he followed until com-

ing to America, but after purchasing a farm here he devoted himself exclusively to its cultivation, and continued to reside upon it until his death, which occurred in 1889, in the seventy-ninth year of his age; while the mother died in 1893, aged eighty-three years. Both were faithful members of the Lutheran church, and the father, who took an active interest in political affairs as a member of the Republican party, was very successful in a material way, becoming one of the notably prosperous and influential men of his day in this section. The mortal remains of both were laid to rest on the home farm, which is still owned by members of the family. To them were born six children, as follows: Charles, who died at the age of thirty-six years; Agnes, Hetwig, and Louise, also all deceased; and Walter G. and William R., the latter of whom being the only one born in America.

In November, 1850, our subject came to America with his parents, landing at New Orleans, whence they proceeded up the Mississippi River to Burlington, and located on an eighty-acre farm purchased by the father in Burlington township, four miles north of Burlington, on the Irish Ridge road. Here Mr. Steingreaber passed the days of his youth as his father's assistant in the work of the farm, and meantime acquired a good common-school education in the district schools of his township, which he later supplemented by a complete course of training in the Commercial College of Burlington, thus evincing an unusual enthusiasm for the cause of education, and at the same time acquiring exceptional preparation for the business and duties of his later life.

On Dec. 27, 1871, Mr. Steingreaber was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca Hunter, daughter of William and Rebecca (Givens)



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Hunter, the father being a native of Ireland, whence he emigrated to the United States in 1838, settling in Burlington township, Des Moines county, in 1840, purchasing a farm there and engaging in farming very successfully. He died at the age of eighty-three years, while the demise of his wife occurred in her seventy-sixth year, and both are interred in the Wykert cemetery, in Burlington township. It may be here recorded as a matter of interest that the fathers of Mr. and Mrs. Steingreaber, respectively, were born on the same day; namely, June 11, 1810. To our subject and wife have been born seven sons and daughters, as follows: George, who resides at his father's home, and works the farm; Bessie A., wife of William I. Burkholder, of Wisconsin, who has four sons, Richard, Walter, John, and Ralph; and Laura, William C., and Hettie R., who are still at home; while the third and fourth children in the order of birth died in infancy. All were born at the present home of the family, and here have received the best educational advantages as well as an excellent home training.

Upon his marriage Mr. Steingreaber settled in Benton township, where in 1871 he purchased his present large and valuable farm of two hundred acres of fertile and productive farming lands; and here he has engaged in farming and stock-raising, placing most of the land under cultivation, and by means of ceaseless and unflagging industry, combined with sound business judgment, has secured from the soil in various forms a very generous return for the outlay of labor, capital, and ability which has gone toward its development. It now bears the appearance of a modern establishment of the very highest class, and the owner has installed many up-to-date improvements,

among which might be included the large and impressive structure which serves as the family residence, and has become the center of a large hospitality.

At the beginning of the Civil War our subject was still a very young man, but in February, 1864, he enlisted for the service of his adopted country in Company E, Twenty-fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and proceeding at once to the front, received two serious gunshot wounds in the battle at Atlanta, Ga., on account of which he was honorably discharged as unable to perform further military duty. As another and highly regrettable result of his wounds, he was compelled to suffer the loss of his left leg below the knee. The public spirit which he showed in time of war by thus exposing himself to all its perils for the sake of the general welfare, has remained with him through life, and has been carried into other fields of endeavor where its usefulness has been no less important, for as an influential worker in the ranks of the Republican party he has borne a very important part in shaping the affairs of the community in which he resides, so that he has fully discharged the responsibilities belonging to the high station in which he is placed by the confidence and esteem of his fellow-citizens. Many public trusts have been his, as he has been at various times elected to the several township offices, and for six years was a member of the board of supervisors of Des Moines county. Fraternally, he sustains membership relations with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Benton Lodge, No. 277, at Latta, Iowa, and is also an honored member of Matthies Post, No. 5, Grand Army of the Republic. He is widely known as a successful farmer of the most progressive type, while his political activities have made

his name familiar throughout the extent of Des Moines and neighboring counties; and wherever he is known, he has made many friends by his genial traits of character and by the well-known facts of the honor, uprightness, and fairness which have marked his whole career.

A. J. SMITH.

A. J. SMITH, a pioneer of Des Moines county of 1837, remained a resident of Washington and Pleasant Grove townships for sixty years; and while witnessing the development and growth of the county, he also rendered material assistance in its improvement and progress, especially along agricultural lines, wherein he so directed his labors that he became one of the extensive land owners and prosperous farmers of the State. He was born in Washington county, Virginia, in 1817, and was descended from old colonial families of the South, his ancestral connection with that portion of the country dating back to an early epoch in its settlement. Robert Smith, born in Virginia, espoused the cause of the colonies during the Revolutionary War, and after the return of peace continued his farming operations in the Old Dominion under the rule of a republican form of government, which he had aided in establishing. His son, Daniel Smith, also a native of Virginia, was reared there to the occupation of farming, and following the attainment of his majority was married to Miss Isabel Gilson, a native of North Carolina, and a daughter of William Gilson, who was likewise an agriculturist, and was of Irish descent. In the spring of

1818 Daniel and Isabel Smith emigrated westward to Washington county, Indiana, where for five years he engaged in the operation of rented land, and then removed to Rush county, Indiana, in 1823. A frontier district, he was enabled to purchase government land, and secured a tract of eighty acres covered with timber. There were many Indian settlements in that portion of the State, and the pioneers were just planting the seeds of civilization and improvement. Mr. Smith built a little cabin and began the difficult task of cutting down the trees, clearing away the brush and roots, and preparing the land for the plow. When he had cleared a small portion, a crop would be planted; and for twelve years he continued the work of improving his farm, in the meantime increasing its area by the purchase of an additional eighty-acre tract. He then sold his farm and removed to Hancock county, Indiana, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land, continuing its cultivation until his life's labors were ended in death, Dec. 29, 1848, when he had reached the age of sixty-five years, ten months and twelve days. His wife long surviving him, died Aug. 15, 1864, at the advanced age of eighty-one years and twenty-three days. He was a Whig in his political views, and while living in Rush county, and again in Hancock county, he served as probate judge, and his efforts proved a substantial factor in upholding the political and moral status of the pioneer localities with which he was connected, while his labors advanced the material development. Both he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church. They were the parents of sixteen children, and with one exception all reached adult age.

A. J. Smith accompanied his parents on their various removals until he reached the age of twenty-five years, and knew full well the difficulties and hardships which must be met in a frontier district; for he experienced many of these in his youth as, living in a pioneer log cabin, he assisted in the arduous task of developing a new farm. He realized also that a frontier region offered good opportunities to the agriculturist, and accordingly, in 1837, he came to Des Moines county, Iowa, which was at that time a part of the Territory of Wisconsin, locating first in Pleasant Grove township, where he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land on Section 10. He continued its improvement for twelve years, and then bought a farm on Section 11, which he made his home for ten years, removing, at the expiration of that period, to Washington township. After three years, however, he returned to Pleasant Grove township, settling on Section 15, where he remained for twenty years, when he took up his abode on Section 5, where he remained until retiring from active business and locating in Yarmouth. After the death of his wife, which occurred July 14, 1897, he made his home with his children, Fredrick N. and Mary J. Redfern.

His activity in business affairs may be judged from the fact of his extensive investments, his capital being secured entirely through his own labors. After giving to each of his children a farm, he still retained possession of fifteen hundred and eighteen acres of land in Des Moines county. As his father was a poor man, he received no financial assistance at the beginning of his business career, but on the contrary worked for twenty-five cents per day, when he started out in life.

When he came to the West, he had sixty-four dollars in money and two ox-teams, and with these he began breaking prairie. As his financial resources increased he bought land from time to time, and through cultivation and the consequent rise in property values, incident to the settlement of the country, this property commanded a high market price.

Mr. Smith was ably assisted and encouraged by his wife, who was indeed a faithful helpmate and companion to him on life's journey. On the 18th of April, 1847, he married Miss Jane Westfall, a native of New York, born June 20, 1829. They became the parents of twelve children: Francis M., born March 20, 1848, a resident of Pleasant Grove township; Frederick N., of Burlington; Isabella, born Aug. 30, 1852, now the wife of David L. Davis, of Clinton, Mo.; Asbury D., born March 17, 1854, living in Keokuk county, Iowa; A. J., born June 1, 1856, of Colony, Kans.; Mary J., born March 26, 1858, the wife of Ira Redfern, a retired farmer of New London, Henry county, Iowa; R. A., born April 8, 1860, now living in New London; A. E., born Feb. 18, 1862, a resident of New London; John H., born Oct. 30, 1864, residing in Des Moines county; Minnie, born Nov. 12, 1865, the wife of George Overman, of this county; Squire, born Nov. 18, 1867, residing in Washington township; and Ira, born Feb. 23, 1870, and now living in New London.

A. J. Smith, an advocate of Democratic principles, was elected on the party ticket to local offices of honor and trust. He filled several positions in his township, including that of trustee for several terms, and was also a member of the county board of supervisors for one term. He accumu-

ated wealth, yet there was no selfishness in the use which he made of it. To his family he was most kind and generous, and he possessed a benevolent spirit that prompted ready and substantial assistance to those in need and to various charitable institutions. He was deeply interested in the cause of education, religion, and temperance, and in fact was the champion of all measures and methods which he believed would uplift humanity. His life development was like the substantial growth of the pioneer district with which he allied his interests at an early day—constantly broadening its outlook and its activities to meet the changing conditions of the times, and keeping abreast with the progress of public thought as well as the business transitions that brought material results. There was in him a depth of character and a weight of purpose that transcended all shams, and that won the recognition of his fellow-men in the respect and confidence which they so freely accorded him. He died Dec. 16, 1902, and the remains of his wife rest by his side in Pleasant Grove township.

JAMES ANDREW TOMLINSON.

JAMES ANDREW TOMLINSON, who was for many years a respected and highly honored resident of Burlington, Iowa, was born in Marion county, Indiana, on April 24, 1843, son of William Hughes and Martha Tomlinson. His early education was obtained in the public schools of his native State, and later he attended a school in Chicago. On the completion of his schooling in the Orchard City Business College he began acquiring the

trade of carpentering, contracting, and building, which he followed very successfully throughout the remainder of his life. He made a speciality of moldings and carvings, in the designing and execution of which he was an expert. He was also a stair-builder, which at that time was a trade of itself.

He came to the West early in the history of this, then undeveloped region, locating in Burlington, and it was here that he was united in marriage Dec. 15, 1868, with Miss Dora Andress, daughter of Daniel S. and Elizabeth Worden (Mitchell) Andress, the latter of whom bore the name Worden in honor of a relative, Admiral Worden, of "Merrimac" fame. Mrs. Tomlinson is a native of Burlington, having been born on lower Main Street, then very sparsely settled, Nov. 15, 1848, and her parents were pioneers who came to Iowa from Switzerland county, Indiana, about the year 1845. The father was a contractor for brick work, which business he followed in Burlington until the time of his death, Oct. 25, 1858. Mr. and Mrs. Andress were the parents of eight children: Roell, now deceased; a son who died in infancy; Dora, widow of our subject; Bishop J. J.; Dillon N. S., an extensive stock-raiser of western Iowa; Mary Celia, deceased; Mason, deceased; and Martha Adelaide, also deceased. His widow survived him many years, she dying Feb. 24, 1903. Mrs. Andress was united in marriage with William E. Brown as her second husband. Mr. Brown was an old resident of Des Moines county.

Mr. Tomlinson enlisted in Company G, Tenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was with the army of the Cumberland.

and also with Sherman on his march to the sea, serving the full four years. He was wounded at Chickamauga, and never fully recovered, and also received a sunstroke, which later was really the cause of his death.

Fraternally, our subject was a member of the Independent Order of Good Templars, and as a man of exemplary character and unusual ability, was popular and highly esteemed. He was for many years an active member of the Methodist church, where he held all of the church offices, and was also Sunday-school superintendent and a teacher. He was also a fluent speaker, having on many occasions lectured on temperance, and did much efficient work for the cause.

Mr. and Mrs. Tomlinson remained in Burlington till 1877, when they moved to Wilson county, Kansas, where he went into business with his brother-in-law, but later engaged in farming. He did not spend all of his time on his farm, as he carried on contracting for several months in the year.

March 9, 1883, he received a sunstroke while working on a contract near home which, connected with the effects left after his war infirmities, proved fatal. He is buried in Kansas. He was much respected, and left many friends and relatives to mourn his untimely death. Mrs. Tomlinson closed up her husband's estate and with her three children, all under five years of age, returned to Burlington. She is a lady of some conversational powers, possessing wide general information, and her pleasant home at 216 South Central Avenue is a center of social activity. She is a member of the Methodist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Tomlinson were blessed

with three sons and one daughter: Frank; Guy James; Grace Inez, who was a beautiful young woman, becoming the wife of Orson P. Johnson, and died in Elrick, Iowa, aged nineteen years; and Homer Watt.

Guy James is the only remaining child. He was born in the State of Kansas, July 10, 1876, and received his education in the public and high schools of Burlington and Elliott's Business College of the same place, after which he read law in the office of Attorney Fred Courts, of Morning Sun, Iowa. Rising rapidly he was admitted to the bar on Jan. 17, 1901, when twenty-three years old. Soon after this he formed a partnership with Mr. Courts, with whom he has ever since been associated, and has from the first been unusually successful, enjoying a very extensive and lucrative practice and marked popularity in his adopted city, where he is considered a rapidly rising young man and destined to attain many positions of distinction in his profession. When he was a mere boy he began to assist his widowed mother, assuming the duties of the man of the house. On Oct. 1, 1902, he wedded Miss Cora E. Long, daughter of Nimrod Long, of Crawfordsville, Iowa, who before her marriage was a teacher in the public schools, and to them two children have been born: Eustace Worden, born July 24, 1903; and Grace Aline, born Oct. 12, 1904.

Mr. Tomlinson is rapidly becoming an influential member of the Republican party in his community; and in the fraternal world he has a very desirable standing, having been made a Mason, and also a member of the Chapter in 1903, and also holding membership in the Knights

of Pythias. He is a leading member of the Methodist Episcopal church; has held the office of president of the Epworth League, as well as that of superintendent of the Sunday-school, and has for many years been prominent in the work of the church, in which he has always taken the deepest interest. As a type of energetic and consecrated Christian manhood, his character is well deserving of study by all the rising generation who cherish high and worthy ideals.

WILLIAM W. TURPIN.

MR. TURPIN is not one of those who believe that distinguished ancestry confers a claim to special consideration, or that blue blood is superior to personal merit, but in common with all thinking men has nevertheless realized that honorable traditions have their value, and has therefore taken some pains to preserve such fragments of family history as have come down to him. The name of Turpin originated in Germany, but was early carried by emigration to England, where the family became quite numerous, and assumed a position of prominence in connection with many of the leading events of English history. The branch remaining in Germany also attained to prominence, one of its members becoming a celebrated general and ruler; and another, who entered the service of the church, even rising to the occupancy of the papal chair at Rome. During one of the earliest voyages of the "Mayflower," members of the Turpin family were aboard, and they settled in Massachusetts, to take up the difficult life of pioneers in an unknown land, clearing the

forests, tilling the unfruitful soil, and bearing their part in the various Colonial, Indian, and British wars of the time.

At the time of the War of the Revolution many of their number were engaged on the side of the patriot cause. Later, a portion of the family drifted southward to Delaware, and still later to Virginia, while a brother of Mr. Turpin's father, in an attempt to explore the western wilderness with a view to founding there a home, crossed the Alleghany mountains, and no trace of him was ever afterward found. On the maternal side Mr. Turpin is descended from the Driscoll and Moore families, prominent in early American history as soldiers and statesmen. Later these families became scattered, so that during the Civil War some donned the blue and others the gray: and on many a hard-fought field a brother sought a brother's life, or there was the unnatural spectacle of a father arrayed against his son, or a son against the author of his being, in fierce and deadly conflict. The Driscoll family is of Scotch extraction, and its history after settling in America is well known.

William Turpin, father of our subject, was born Dec. 27, 1798, in the State of Maryland; and in Delaware he married Miss Sarah Elizabeth Moore, a daughter of Judge Moore, of Washington, D. C., who was a native of Delaware, and prominent in the commercial and political affairs of his time. To them were born four children, of whom William Wailes, the subject of this review, was the eldest. Alice is now the wife of Archibald Burgess, a native of Patterson, N. J., and at present a resident of the city of Washington. He is a veteran of the Civil War, having run away from home when quite young to enlist in the

Union army. Levin Denwood, the second son, died in 1858, as the result of an attack of rheumatism, caused by his accidentally breaking through the ice. Laura Virginia, the youngest child, is also deceased, her death having occurred in 1868.

William W. Turpin was born Oct. 7, 1849, at Salsbury, in what was then Somerset county, Maryland, and there he obtained his early knowledge of books in the old Salsbury Academy, which he attended until his enlistment in the United States navy, with the exception of two years spent as a grocery clerk. In 1864 he entered the navy yard as weigher and receiver for the Bureau of Construction and Repair, with which he was identified in the same capacity for four years, at the end of that time coming to the West and locating at Hannibal, Mo., in 1869. Led to take this step by a worthy desire to achieve an independent position in the world, he decided to learn a trade as the means of acquiring a competence, and therefore began work as a brick mason. As compensation for his services while learning the trade he received his board and for the first year \$60, for the second year \$100, and for the third \$150 — a rate of payment that was small even in those days, and one which is proof of his strength and steadiness of purpose in pursuing his chosen object regardless of difficulties.

At Shelbyville, Mo., June 25, 1873, Mr. Turpin was united in marriage with Miss Emma Dobbin, daughter of Leonard Dobbin, who for many years held the office of county clerk for Shelby county, Missouri. To Mr. and Mrs. Turpin have been born three children, one of whom died in infancy, another, Virginia, died in early childhood, while one survives, this being Willie

May, aged twenty-two years, who is at home with her parents. After his marriage Mr. Turpin removed to St. Louis, where he engaged as a brick mason, and removed a second time in 1876, coming at that time to Burlington. During approximately the first eighteen years of his residence in this city he was employed as a journeyman mason, but at the expiration of that period he became a contractor, erecting the Tama building, acting as superintendent of construction for the Federal building, and doing the brick work on the Charles Blaul residence, the Derby mill, and many of the most substantial residence buildings of Burlington. For a number of years he was superintendent of the Pauly Jail Company, and by virtue of this connection acted as supervisor of construction of the jails at Carmen, N. Y.; Montpelier, Vt.; Sonora, Texas; Eddy county, N. Mex.; Newton, N. J.; and many other jails and penitentiaries, including the United States penitentiary at Great Salt Lake.

In 1889 Mr. Turpin was elected a supervisor of Des Moines county, but resigned the following year in order to accept an advantageous offer from the Pauly Jail Company, of St. Louis, with which he continued until 1893, when he resigned to become superintendent of the Federal building in Burlington. Later he re-engaged with the Pauly Company, for whom he went to Montpelier, Vt., to build the jail at that place. Two years later he again resigned, and became traveling representative of the Merchants' Life Association, of Burlington, in which he now holds the office of treasurer.

In his political affiliation he is a lifelong Democrat, and has always taken an active interest in public affairs, serving his party with conspicuous ability in many important

capacities, and thereby acquiring a very gratifying popularity and influence. In 1902 he was elected by the voters of the city of Burlington as alderman-at-large, an office which he occupied until 1904 with credit to himself and his constituents; and in the autumn of 1900 he was elected secretary of the Burlington Board of Education, an office which he still holds. Fraternally, he is a charter member of Lodge No. 84, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks; is a thirty-second degree Mason; a member of the oldest Masonic lodge in the State of Iowa, of which he has been elected junior warden, but declined the honor; and is identified with the local organization of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, through all of whose chairs he has passed. Mr. Turpin takes a just pride in his reputation as a high-class mechanic, and his solid qualities have won him the esteem of the community in which he lives, for he is respected as a man, as a citizen, and for his thorough integrity and sound business judgment, which has enabled him to acquire a competence. He has been highly successful in a material way; and while his natural modesty has always prevented him from urging his own claims to recognition, he has many friends whose confidence in his ability has brought him before the public in a very favorable light.

CHARLES ENDE.

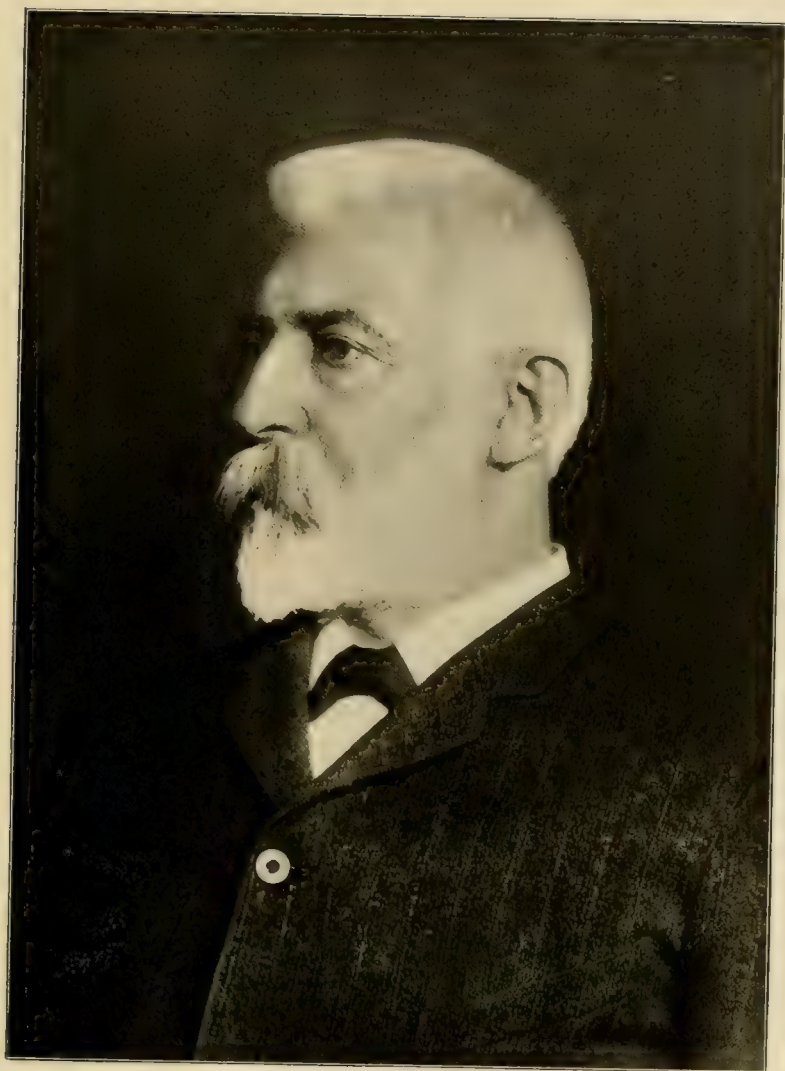
A VALUED element in the development of Burlington has been largely supplied by the Fatherland, and of this Charles Ende is a representative. He was born in Schwarzenfels, Electorate of Hesse, Oct. 29, 1837, and

came to the United States with his father, a brother, and two sisters in the year 1851. His father, however, was not the first of the family to emigrate to America; there were several precursors. A cousin of Mr. Ende's grandfather came over as an officer in the Hessian Auxiliaries in 1776. He was severely wounded at the storming of Fort Washington, and taken prisoner at Trenton. During his captivity he married an American, and in 1783 took his wife with him to Cassel. It seems that after some time, becoming homesick, she induced her husband to take her back to her native land. Apparently he was easily prevailed upon to accede to her wish, having during his seven years' forced sojourn become quite attached to this country. In the course of time correspondence ceased between him and his relatives in Germany, and all efforts made in later years to trace their descendants were unsuccessful.

In 1845 an uncle of Mr. Ende's, Carl B. Merz, emigrated to America, locating near Beardstown, Ill. In 1852 he removed to Burlington, Iowa, and for a time was the publisher of the first German newspaper in Iowa. Some years later he purchased a large farm near Sigourney, Iowa, where he settled, and remained up to the time of his death in 1902, reaching the ripe old age of eighty-eight years.

A cousin, Fritz von Ende, came to New Orleans in 1847, and afterward located in Greenville, Texas, where his widow and children still reside.

Mr. Ende's grandfather, Carl von Ende, was a minister of the Reformed church, at Netra, a small town in Hesse-Cassel. He had six sons, Mr. Ende's father, Ferdinand von Ende, being the youngest. Two of his brothers were officers in the Hessian contin-



CHARLES ENDE.

gent of Napoleon's armies, and both fell in battle, one in Spain and the other in Russia. A third served in the campaign of 1815, as volunteer in a battalion of sharpshooters, largely recruited from the students of the School of Forestry, which he was attending at that time.

Conrad Merz, the grandfather of Mr. Ende on the mother's side, born about 1775, completed his studies at the Catholic Seminary in Fulda, and later became private secretary to the bishop. In 1810, when Prince Carl von Dalberg was made grand duke of Fulda by emperor Napoleon, Mr. Merz received an appointment in the finance department of the new government. This position he held until 1815, when the great political changes of that period caused him to resign. He retired in his prime on a liberal life pension, granted by the Bavarian government, and became a gentleman of leisure. He died in 1860.

Ferdinand von Ende, Mr. Ende's father, was born in 1803, at Netra, where he was reared, and began his education in the common schools. From there he went to a higher school at Eisenach, and subsequently graduated from the gymnasium at Cassel, the capital of the electorate of Hesse. Thus being properly qualified, he was matriculated as a student of law in the State University at Marburg. After having obtained his degree of Doctor Juris, he prepared for and successfully passed the state examination incumbent upon an aspirant for government office. In due time he was appointed to a position on the judiciary, which he retained until 1851. During his term of service he was repeatedly promoted, and at the close of his official career was associate judge of one of the higher courts. Political troubles, so prevalent all over Germany in

those days, and from which the electorate of Hesse was by no means exempt, caused him to resign and emigrate to the United States, preferring to live in a land of liberty that promised a better future for his children.

Ferdinand von Ende was united in marriage to Miss Nanny Merz, of Fulda, in 1836. She died in the year 1847, leaving four children who reached mature years, and one who died an infant, soon after the mother. Mr. Ende's father spent the first winter near Beardstown, Ill., and in the spring of 1852 moved to Des Moines county, Iowa, where he purchased a farm about two and a half miles from Burlington. There he resided until 1864, when, after about a year's sojourn in St. Louis, he took up his abode in this city, and lived retired from that time until his death, which occurred in 1885.

Charles Ende acquired a liberal education for his age in Germany, and was a youth of fourteen years when he came to the New World. He lived with his father, brother, and sisters on the home farm until 1855. From that time until 1860 he worked out at various places,—Pittsfield, Quincy, and Galesburg, Ill., and Des Moines, Henry, Lee, and Decatur counties, Iowa, being among the number. In the spring of 1860 he started from Burlington on the way to St. Joe, Mo., there to join a wagon train for the newly discovered gold region of Colorado. Pike's Peak was the name it went by in those days. He was accompanied as far as Hannibal, Mo., by his brother Fred, who was bound for Greenville, Texas, where he is still living. They did not meet again until after the War. Mr. Ende then learned for the first time that his brother had been compelled to serve in the Confederate army

for nearly three years. The trip across the plains in those early days, and the life in the mining camps, proved highly interesting, with a touch of the romantic that gave it an additional charm. The hardships and privations of travel were easily overcome by a robust body, and amply compensated by the delights of outdoor life. Game of all kind was plenty, even buffaloes could be seen in numbers. At Fort Kearny the outfit met the first Indians, and later on passed several of their villages, which were closely inspected by the members of the train. The Indians, being perfectly peaceable, seemed to be pleased to have visitors, and accepted little gifts, such as tobacco, matches, and bread, with great avidity. In the hope of finding gold, however, Mr. Ende was sadly deceived, and accordingly returned to Iowa. Crossing the Missouri River at Omaha in December, 1860, he arrived at Burlington about Christmas. From Burlington he went to Chicago for two months, and afterward found employment on a farm near Galesburg, Ill.

On Sept. 7, 1861, he enlisted at Burlington as a private in Company F, Fifth Iowa Cavalry, and was mustered out of service as first lieutenant, Aug. 11, 1865. He was with the Western army, operating in Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi. The regiment to which Mr. Ende belonged left Benton Barracks, St. Louis, for Fort Henry, February, 1862. It remained stationary in the vicinity of Forts Heiman, Henry, and Donelson till June, 1863. While stationed at the above-named places, the regiment was principally engaged in fighting bushwhackers and partisan rangers, and in scouting. Engagements during this period were as follows: August, 1862, Rolling Mills, near Fort Don-

elson; September, 1862, Clarksville, Tenn.; October, 1862, Wagner's Landing, Tenn.; November, 1862, Garrettsburg, Ky.; January, 1863, Waverly, Tenn.; February, 1863, Fort Donelson. In May, 1862, when out on a scout, Mr. Ende was taken prisoner, and with a number of other comrades sent to Jackson, Miss., where they were paroled and brought into the Union lines near Corinth under a flag of truce, in charge of Major Thompson, ex-secretary of the interior under President Buchanan. General Halleck, ignoring the obligations of the parole, ordered the men to report for hospital duty at once, and when they refused, upon the plea that such would be a violation of their parole, sent a platoon of infantry, with bayonets fixed, to drive them to work.

In June, 1863, the regiment was transferred to Murfreesboro, where it joined General Roscerans' army. July 3, 1863, the regiment was again detached, and after a week of escorting trains to the front, ordered to McMinville. During the short stay with the main army it had seen some hard service. October, 1863, the regiment participated, under General Crook, in the pursuit of Wheeler. Upon this occasion, the battalion to which Mr. Ende's company belonged made a very successful charge on Wheeler's rear guard, at Sugar Creek, taking a number of prisoners. Jan. 6, 1864, Mr. Ende re-enlisted, and returned from veteran furlough to Nashville, March 30, 1864. May 26 he was detached with thirty men to garrison a blockhouse erected for the protection of a railroad bridge over Richland Creek, near Pulaski, Tenn. July 10, 1864, he joined, with his command, General Rousseau at Decatur, Ala., and took part in the expedition to Montgomery. The regiment had barely returned when it was ordered out

again on the disastrous McCook raid. Here Mr. Ende had a little extra experience. Having lost his horse in crossing the Chattahoochee River, he was left behind, and it took him ten days to reach his command at Marietta, Ga. After the fall of Atlanta, the Fifth Iowa Cavalry, which at that time was attached to Kilpatrick's Division, received orders to proceed to Louisville to be remounted, and then return to Nashville. When Hood began his advance upon Nashville, the regiment was ordered to Columbia, where it soon encountered the enemy. After a short skirmish the command was relieved by infantry, and sent ten miles up Duck River to guard fords. The day following the regiment distinguished itself by cutting its way out through a vastly superior force that had surrounded the brigade. During the battle of Franklin the regiment was scouting on the right flank.

Mr. Ende could not participate with his regiment in the battle of Nashville, since he had been appointed judge advocate of a general court martial convened by order of General Wilson, commanding the cavalry corps of the military division of the Mississippi. It took about two months to try the cases which had accumulated. His task completed, Mr. Ende was relieved, and rejoined his regiment at Gravelly Springs, Ala., where General Wilson was assembling three divisions of cavalry, and making preparations for the last and most successful raid of the war. The Fifth Iowa Cavalry was assigned to Alexander's Brigade of General Upton's Division. After the cessation of hostilities the Fifth Iowa was stationed for some time at Macon, Ga.; then at Atlanta, from whence it was ordered to Nashville; at which place, after having been mustered out Aug. 11, 1865, the regiment embarked

for Clinton, Iowa, and there was paid off and disbanded.

A closing incident of Mr. Ende's military career worth mentioning is that while stationed at Atlanta, on May 14, 1865, he was detailed to take charge of a detachment, furnished by the regiment, to help guard Mr. Jefferson Davis from Atlanta to Augusta, where he was turned over to another command which took him to Fortress Monroe. Strange to relate, Mr. Ende, although he served during the entire war, and took part in a number of hard-fought engagements, was never wounded.

Mr. Ende came back to Burlington in November, 1865, and made a permanent location here, joining his brother-in-law in the purchase of a brewery. The latter is located at 1307 Mt. Pleasant Street, and as the years have gone by marked improvements have been made. With the exception of three years, the business was conducted continuously, and during the time mentioned the firm acted as agents for Lemp's St. Louis beer. The partnership was dissolved in September, 1902, since which time Mr. Ende has conducted the business alone, and is having a good local patronage. The plant represents an investment of about twenty-five thousand dollars.

Mr. Ende is a member of the Turnverein, and was a charter member of Matthies Post, G. A. R., which was organized in 1866. He was elected alderman, and served as a member of the city council from the second ward for four years. He was chairman of the police committee during both terms of his office.

On Oct. 3, 1869, in Liberty, Mo., Mr. Ende was married to Miss Thusnelda Louise Leopold, a native of Liberty, and of German parentage. Her father and mother came to

this country in 1834. She died in 1902, and her remains were interred in Aspen Grove cemetery. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ende were born four children: Carl, who married Miss Alice Ankeney, and is now living at Iowa City, Iowa, is a graduate of the State University of Iowa, and also of the Göttingen University of Germany, the latter conferring the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Since 1899 he has been instructor in chemistry at the State University of Iowa, and quite recently was promoted to an assistant professorship. The second son, August, is also a graduate of the State University of Iowa. At one time he entered Cornell University, of New York, taking special work in mathematics. After completing his university course he held the position of instructor in mathematics in the State University, resigning to go into business. He is now assistant manager of his father's business. Marie, the only daughter, is at home, and the youngest son, Henry, was a student in the Burlington High School. The family residence is at 722 North Third Street, the old Starker home. Mr. Ende, having been endowed by nature with excellent health and a vigorous constitution, has retained in a great measure the capacity for work and the enjoyment of the out-of-door sports of his younger days.

JOHN RENNER.

JOHN RENNER, inventor, dealer in wall-paper, paints, and artists' supplies, and contractor in interior decorating, is controlling a business the extent and importance of which makes him a leading representative of industrial interests of the city, while his

inventive genius has gained him recognition far beyond the limits of Burlington.

A native of southern Germany, he was born July 8, 1852, his parents being Johannes and Elizabeth (Katz) Renner. When he had obtained a fair education in the schools of the Fatherland, he began learning the trades of painting, paperhanging, decorating, and upholstering, serving a full apprenticeship, within which time he became an experienced and expert workman. He afterward served as a journeyman in a number of the leading cities of his native land, and afterward in France and Switzerland, and in 1881, thinking to enjoy still better business opportunities in America, he sailed for New York City, where he arrived on the first of March. There he remained until July 3, 1882, when he came to Burlington.

For twenty-three years Mr. Renner has now been connected with the industrial interests of this city. He was first employed for three years by the firm of Wyman & Rand, in their upholstering and carpet department, and in April, 1885, he began business on his own account, under the old post-office. Later he removed to the present location of Hefner's tinshop, where he remained for about a year, and then removed to his present place of business, at 612 Jefferson Street, where he conducted business for three years, after which he moved across the street to more commodious quarters, occupying 707-9-11 Jefferson Street. There he was successful, and remained seven years, and in 1896 returned to his present location, at 612 and 614 Jefferson Street, occupying three times the space he did the former time at this location. He carries on both a wholesale and retail business, dealing in all kinds of art goods, wall-paper, paints, and varnishes, and he also

employs a number of experienced workmen, who execute the contracts which he takes for interior finishing and decorating. He stands as one of the foremost representatives of this line of business in Iowa, his long experience, thorough training, and naturally artistic taste combining to make him a leader in the business.

His attention, however, has not been confined wholly to his mercantile and industrial interests, for on the first of May, 1900, he bought a park of four acres, which he has since improved, and his inventions have many times been valuable additions to the mechanical world. He has wide knowledge along mechanical lines, and in fact possesses natural genius, in addition to thorough scientific knowledge of mechanics and architectural engineering and drafting. He can make his own plans, and can embody his ideas in tangible form. On the sixteenth of August, 1887, Mr. Renner got out a patent on an ironing board, and in 1903 he secured a patent on his ball-bearing extension window shade, having patents on this in the United States, Canada, and England, securing the same in England, April 9, 1903, and in Canada, June 2, 1903. He has recently commenced the manufacture of this shade, and reserves the countries mentioned for his output. He has also patented, Jan. 7, 1902, a device for locking the axle on shade rollers. It is dust proof, and can be applied to any mechanical contrivance of any size. He also has another lock patent for a window bracket, and is the inventor of a wire bracket for the correct adjustment of the window cord. This is known as a wire pulley, and gives an equal friction to both cords, thus making a perfect adjustment. His patent for a round axle for window shades, carpet sweepers, etc., was se-

cured Sept. 9, 1902, and he has another patent on the table on which window shades can be made very rapidly and of any size.

On the second of April, 1881, Mr. Renner was married to Miss Lena Neff, a daughter of Johannes and Mary (Hellstern) Neff, by whom he has two sons, John and Frank, twins, who are their father's assistants in business. John attended the German and public schools of Burlington, and in seven months completed a course in the Gem City Business College at Quincy, being the first student from the State of Iowa to complete the course in such a short time, or with such honors, for his scholarship gave him an average grade of ninety-six and two-sevenths in seven studies, and a standing of one hundred in bookkeeping. Frank having attended the same schools in Burlington as his brother, continued his education in Elliott's Business College, of this city. Both sons possess an artistic taste and temperament, and have given much time to the study of oil painting and various kinds of decorating. They also possess considerable musical talent and ability, and in business have demonstrated the possession of those traits which insure success. They are able assistants of their father, and the parents have every reason to be proud of their sons. When Mr. Renner came to America he had a capital of six hundred dollars, but through illness this sum dwindled away until there was nothing left. When he arrived in Burlington he had only fifty dollars, but he possessed what is better than money — courage, determination, and good ability, supplementing intellectual force. These qualities have served as the foundation on which he has reared the superstructure of his prosperity and which has enabled him to build up a large business, until he now car-

ries a stock more complete than that found in any establishment of the kind in America.

Mr. Renner is a member of the Court of Honor and of the Woodmen of the World, while politically he is independent, voting for the candidates rather than the party. He reserves for himself the right of forming an unbiased opinion and accords to others the same privilege. He displays many of the sterling characteristics of his race, and moreover he has those qualities which in every land and clime command respect and confidence.

JOHN SIEGMUND SCHRAMM.

A FEW years ago the city of Burlington lost by the hand of death a citizen whom she could ill afford to spare from the activities of her commercial and social life; one in whose heart her interests ever held a first place, and one whose passing was deeply mourned by those who were familiar with the rare qualities of his heart and mind, as well as the great ability which distinguished him and was known to all. Mr. Schramm was born at Plech, Bavaria, Germany, a son of John Christopher and Anna Margaret (Kessling) Schramm. His education was begun in the public schools of Plech, and at the age of thirteen years he went to Culmbach, where he served an apprenticeship of five years' duration in a mercantile house, at the same time taking lessons in Latin and French. The father discharged his seven years' term of military service under Frederick the Third, and was engaged in the great battles of Jena and Austerlitz, and others of less importance, after which he returned home and devoted himself to

mercantile business. For political reasons the elder Schramm resolved to emigrate to America, crossed the ocean, and in September, 1837, landed with his family at the port of New York. A few days later they started for Missouri, but on account of sickness were obliged to stop at Circleville, Ohio, where our subject secured a position in a printing office, which he continued to occupy for five years, thoroughly mastering the printing art and the English language.

In August, 1842, Mr. Schramm arrived in Burlington, and two days afterward secured employment with the *Gazette*; but the paper was sold shortly thereafter, and as his services were no longer needed, he made a trip to St. Louis, where he invested his savings in a small stock of groceries, with which he established himself in business in Burlington. He gave the strictest attention to business, and was successful from the beginning; but as he was a musician of pronounced ability, he spent at this early period of his career three evenings of each week in training a band which he founded, the first ever organized in Burlington. His musical tastes continued with him through life, and he long devoted a great deal of his valuable time to work of this character for the benefit of the public and his adopted city. On March 15, 1843, he wedded Miss Harriet Morgan, daughter of Jonathan Morgan, one of the earlier settlers of Des Moines county, but during the cholera epidemic of 1850 Mrs. Schramm died, together with one child which had been born to their union. The mother of Mr. Schramm also fell a victim to the ravages of this terrible plague, which desolated so many homes throughout the length and breadth of the land, and her own demise had been preceded by that of her husband in 1849. Mr. Schramm after-

ward remarried, having on March 24, 1852, been united in bonds of matrimony to Miss Amelia Williams, a daughter of Silas Williams, and to them were born the following children, who survive him: Henry C., of Burlington, who married Miss Ida H. Copp; Lucia L., of Burlington, now the wife of T. G. Foster; Frank E., of Burlington, who married Miss Carrie Ashe Higgason; Charles E., of Burlington, who married Miss Fannie G. Anderson; Walter S., cashier of the First National Bank of Burlington; Ralph E., of Detroit, Mich.; Anna P., now Mrs. J. E. Doane, of Thompson, Conn.; and Miss Jessie.

In 1854 Mr. Schramm formed a partnership with his brother, Charles F., to conduct a dry-goods business. This arrangement was continued for five years, and then the partnership was dissolved on account of the ill health of Mr. Schramm's brother. He then assumed sole charge of the business, which he conducted at the store at 218-220 Jefferson Street, enlarging it with the growth of the city, and always meeting the increasing demand with a promptitude, thoroughness, and energy that indicated a strong grasp of changing commercial conditions and an appreciation of modern methods. In this manner, and almost exclusively by his individual efforts, he built up the great business known as the J. S. Schramm Company, now for the most part owned and managed by the heirs of his estate. Three of his sons are now active in the firm, these being Henry C., Frank E., and Charles E. The mother and her daughter Jessie have their home in the large and handsome residence at 616 Columbia Street, where they dispense a generous but quiet hospitality.

The political faith of Mr. Schramm was that of the Democratic party, to which he

gave his allegiance after long and careful consideration, and to whose tenets he was ever loyal. Fraternally he was for thirty-two years identified with the Masonic order, being a Knight Templar and a member of Malta Lodge of this city. He was also a member of the Commercial Exchange, and took an active part in its work. In his religious connection he was a member of the Lutheran church, although during the latter years of his life he attended the Presbyterian church, of which he and his family are members, while he himself, many years ago, assisted materially in the work of its choir. For a long term of years he was a member of the board of directors of the independent school district of Burlington, and was a stockholder, director, and vice-president of the German-American Savings Bank, as well as being financially interested in various other leading corporate institutions and enterprises of Burlington. He gave freely of his time and substance to the conduct and promotion of public affairs, assisting every movement that had for its object the upbuilding of Burlington, among other things lending substantial encouragement to the establishment of the public ferry, which he regarded as especially important. No form of pledge or subscription paper having that end in view ever passed him without his signature; no church or charity ever appealed to him in vain, and for the needy he was always a refuge. As an employer he was respected and beloved by those connected with his business during all the years of his mercantile activity in Burlington, where the greater part of his life was passed; and he was an ideal citizen; so also was he a model head of his family,—kind, considerate, self-sacrificing, cheerful, affectionate, and loyal. To few men have been

vouchsafed so many of the graces and virtues that go to the making of a beautiful character. He died Feb. 17, 1868, universally mourned.

WILLIAM ALBERT KENDALL.

THE name which appears above is a familiar one in Burlington in business circles, as he has been connected with the railroad life of the town for over thirty years, during which time he has accomplished much for the interests of the road, and at the same time has become one of the best citizens of the city. W. A. Kendall is a son of Albert and Sarah Cornelia (Higley) Kendall, and was born in Marion, Iowa, April 4, 1847. His father was born in West Granby, Conn., and was a wagonmaker by trade. His mother was the second child of Abiel and Prudence (Crane) Higley, and was born at West Granby, Conn., May 21, 1822.

The parents of our subject were married Nov. 9, 1840, in Granby, and in the following spring they removed to Bloomington, Ill., going westward with Mr. Higley's family. After residing several years in Bloomington, they located in Marion, Iowa. Mr. Kendall did a profitable business at his trade in both Bloomington and Marion, making sales throughout the State in its early history. He was afterward engaged in the hardware business. Mr. Kendall died Jan. 19, 1877, and Mrs. Kendall survived him about eleven years, her death occurring Dec. 8, 1888. Their home was an ideal one in the truest meaning of the term, and on many occasions was the center of large family gatherings. The domestic life of Mr. and Mrs. Kendall was brightened by three

children: Flora, who is dead; W. A., of this review; and Wellington Jerome, who married Miss Emma E. Braucht at Findlay, Ohio, and died at Marion, Iowa, leaving three children, Carl, Alberta, and Ralph. Mr. and Mrs. Kendall are buried at Marion, Iowa.

W. A. Kendall received his education in the common schools at Marion, and at the age of seventeen or eighteen years he worked for the express company at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for two years, which fairly initiated him in business. After running as express messenger between Farley and Cedar Rapids for awhile, he went to La Porte, and worked for a year for the Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad. The next two years he was employed in Waterloo by the same road. He also worked for the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Minnesota Railroad for several years while living in Waterloo.

Mr. Kendall displayed much ability as a railroad man, and in the early '70's he was promoted to be agent, holding also the ticket and freight agency of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern, with headquarters in Burlington, Iowa, where he has since resided. Several years ago this road was bought by the Rock Island, when Mr. Kendall became the commercial agent of the same, and also of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, having his office on Jefferson Street.

Nov. 18, 1875, Mr. Kendall wedded Miss Jane Elizabeth Frantz, who was born in Annville, Pa., Nov. 3, 1848. Mrs. Kendall is the oldest daughter of John and Lucy Ann (Frelingheusen) Frantz, whose interesting sketch may be found in this book. Mrs. Kendall received her education in the public schools of Burlington, Iowa, and later was a valued teacher in the same

schools for a short time. This union has been blessed by two children, both of whom were born in Burlington: Leslie, a graduate of the high school; and Reginald W., born Sept. 3, 1884. The latter was a student at St. Albans, Knoxville, Ill., and also took a course in St. John's military academy at Delafield, Wis. Rex, as he is familiarly called, is now a student in the scientific department at Ames. He and his sister Leslie are both devoted members of the Episcopal church.

Mr. Kendall is a leading Democrat, but can not be induced to hold office, preferring to assist his chosen party in the capacity of a private citizen. He is a great reader on all subjects, and his beautiful home at 803 North Eighth Street is well stored with books of all kinds. They also have in their possession a copy of Dr. Martin Luther's Bible in German, which is prized very highly by them.

During all the long years that Mr. Kendall has been in the employ of the railroad, he has ever discharged his many duties in a faithful and honorable manner. He is pleasant and jovial, and always courteous and accommodating. He and his faithful wife have aided many in times of distress, and their friends are numbered all through the State.

JOHN FRANTZ.

JOHN FRANTZ, deceased, was a man whom to know was to honor and respect, for in all life's relations he was true to upright principles, and from his fellow-townsmen he received the esteem and friendship which is everywhere accorded genuine worth. He was a son of John and Elizabeth

(Cleight) Frantz, and was born in Annville, Pa., Sept. 3, 1821. His father died when Mr. Frantz was only five years of age, and the lad was adopted by a Mr. Hostetter, who was a farmer. There were four children in his father's family, all of whom are now dead. His mother died in 1873. He received his substantial education in the district schools in the neighborhood of his adoption. Soon after bidding adieu to his school books, Mr. Frantz learned the trade of a carriage-trimmer with the well-known firm of John Allwein, and after the completion of his trade he remained in Mr. Allwein's employ till 1864, when he came to Burlington, Iowa.

Sept. 24, 1844, he was married in Jonestown, Pa., to Miss Lucy Ann Freylingheusen. Mrs. Frantz was born in Jonestown, Pa., Jan. 24, 1827. Her father was born in 1791, and served through the War of 1812, and her grandfather was a warrior in the Revolutionary War. Mr. Freylingheusen was a field physician in Pennsylvania for years. He died Sept. 15, 1854, aged sixty-two years. Mrs. Freylingheusen survived her husband some ten years, her death occurring in 1864. They were the parents of seven children, of whom three are now living: Maria married William Woomer, and their son, Ephraim, served through the Civil War, and lost a leg in the great conflict. Mr. Woomer was later United States Senator from Lebanon county, Pa., for two years, and died a few years ago. Peter, who served all through the Civil War, being in the battle of Gettysburg and many other important battles, now lives at an advanced age in Jonestown, Pa. He sang in the Lutheran church in Jonestown for forty-two consecutive years. Sarah married Thomas Miller, of Lancaster county, Pa., who was

a drummer boy in the Civil War at the battle of Shiloh. Freylinghausen Miller, known as Freylie, was a drummer boy in one of the Ohio regiments. Mrs. Miller resides in Dayton, Ohio. George Washington Freylinghausen also served all through the Civil War, and died in 1903. Lucy Ann was the wife of our subject. Elizabeth Freylinghausen lives in Lebanon, Pa. Ella married John L. Saylor, the present owner and proprietor of the Allwein carriage factory, in Annville, Pa. Mr. Saylor has served in the Legislature of Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Frantz were blessed with nine children: Jennie A. married William A. Kendall, whose sketch appears on another page in this volume; Rebecca is the wife of James Simpson, of Petersburg, Va.; Lucy is the wife of E. D. Morgan, foreman of the freight house of the Rock Island Railroad, with headquarters in Burlington, Iowa; John C. is also connected with the freight department of the Rock Island Railroad, and lives in Burlington; Elizabeth married Andrew Anderson, who died in 1902. Mrs. Anderson conducts a grocery in Burlington, Iowa; Alberta became the wife of Dwight Stevens, and died in Seattle, Wash., Dec. 25, 1892, and is buried in Aspen Grove cemetery, in Burlington, Iowa; Dr. Charles P. Frantz is the youngest child, and is a prosperous eye, ear, and throat specialist in Burlington, Iowa.

After coming to Burlington Mr. Frantz entered into partnership with Jedidiah Bennett, opening up a carriage factory on the corner of Third and Columbia Streets. They continued in business over thirty-five years, shipping many carriages and buggies to all parts of the Northwest. Their work was always of the best, and the factory was a great benefit to the town, as they employed

many men in the different departments. Mrs. Frantz was a home-loving and a home-making woman, and was greatly beloved by all who knew her. She was a lifelong member of the Lutheran church, as were the most of her large relationship. Mrs. Frantz was called to her final rest Dec. 18, 1890. Mr. Frantz survived his wife about four years, his death occurring Jan. 14, 1894.

Mr. Frantz was always a staunch Democrat, and was postmaster in Annville, Pa., for four years, during Buchanan's administration. He was a quiet, conscientious man, who made duty before pleasure his aim in life. He early established a high grade of principles upon which to shape his business career, and though many times he had much to endure, still he was never even tempted to swerve from the straight and narrow course. His affection for his family and home was strong, and his friendships were deep and lasting.

F. A. ROE, D. D. S.

DR. FREDERICK ALBERT ROE, who was well settled in the practice of his profession at Madrid in 1896, illustrates in his own experience what may be accomplished in a few years by a young man of courage and determination of purpose, in the way of higher instruction and adequate preparation for discharging the duties and surmounting the difficulties of a professional career.

He was born at Swan Creek, Ill., Sept. 28, 1868, and received his early education in the graded schools of Burlington. After completing his work in the public schools, he took a commercial course in the Orchard

City Business College, on completion of which he entered the employ of Kant & Kriechbaum, retail dealers in stoves and hardware, remaining there some time with credit to himself and satisfaction to his employers. In 1888 he accepted employment in the station department of the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Railway Company,—now the Great Northern,—continuing with it till 1889, when he entered the State University of Iowa. While in the employ of the Great Northern, he began reporting for the papers, and continued this connection during the eight years spent at the University. He graduated from the classical course in the Iowa City Academy, preparatory to proper classification in the University Department of Liberal Arts.

He visited the World's Fair at Chicago in the interests of a Minnesota paper, and in the fall of 1893 entered at the University for the dental course. He completed this course, and received his degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery in March, 1896. In the meantime he had passed the examination before the State Board of Dental Surgery, and had been licensed to practice. In the spring of 1895 he went to Madrid and opened an office, since which time he has been regularly engaged in the practice of his profession, with a success that vouches for the thoroughness of the University's course in fitting graduates for their life work.

Sept. 17, 1895, Dr. Roe was married in Burlington to Miss Flora May Samson, A. M., daughter of Professor William J. Samson, A. M., of the Burlington schools. She is a graduate of the Iowa Wesleyan University, and was professor of Greek and Latin in the Burlington Institute for

two years preceding her marriage. The young couple spent the school year of 1895-96 in Iowa City, where Mrs. Roe took a course in the Musical Conservatory, and pursued literary and post-graduate courses; and on Dr. Roe's graduation, they went to Madrid to commence housekeeping, and remained happily settled in that bright and prosperous little city until September, 1898, when they moved to Burlington. Here Dr. Roe has continued his professional work in the Tama building, with a constantly increasing practice. He has one of the best-equipped offices in this part of the State, having modern apparatus and electrical equipment throughout. That he is a close student, keeping up with all the latest discoveries of value in his profession, is evidenced by the recognition that his contemporaries in the work have accorded to him. In 1905 he was in attendance at the Iowa State Dental Convention, in session at Des Moines, and was named as a delegate from that body to the National Dental Convention meeting at Buffalo, N. Y.

Dr. Roe, as well as his talented wife, has decided musical ability, and he has for the past six years been a member of the choir of the First Methodist Episcopal church, of Burlington.

The point that we wish particularly to make, as an encouragement to young men of ambition and small means, is that from the time Dr. Roe left the commercial school in 1887, until his final graduation from the Iowa State University in March, 1896, he received no financial aid from any source other than his own efforts yielded, yet he was able in these years, step by step, to climb the ladder of scientific and practical knowledge to the point we have seen; and now, still a young man, he finds himself

well started in a prosperous career. It is worth while, now and then, to call attention to the beneficence of institutions of learning, the laws, and the conditions of society in a free land, all of which make these things possible. In view of these things, let no young man, struggling to obtain an education such as will fit him to enter the walks of professional life, despair of reaching his goal.

ALBERT JAMES ROE.

ALBERT JAMES ROE, who faithfully served his country in the Civil War, and who was for sixteen years a resident of Burlington, was born in Oneida county, N. Y., Oct. 8, 1842. When a young lad he came to Iowa with his parents, Elisha C. and Almira (Merihue) Roe, the family home being established in Delaware county. In the schools of that locality he acquired his education, and in April, 1861, he responded to the first call of the president for troops to aid in crushing out the Rebellion. He was then but nineteen years of age, but the flame of patriotism burned brightly in his breast, and he at once offered his aid in defense of the Union, enlisting as a member of Company F, Twelfth Iowa regiment, which was assigned to the Army of the Potomac.

His first enlistment was for three years, or during the war, and he participated in many important engagements, including the battles of Fort Henry, Fort Donelson, Shiloh, the siege and capture of Vicksburg, etc. He was honorably discharged in January, 1864, but re-enlisted in April of the same year, and served until the close of

the war. Because of ill health he was appointed to the position of hospital steward at Sedalia, Mo. Mrs. Roe also went to Sedalia, and became the matron of the hospital there, acting in that capacity for nine months. Mr. Roe was finally ordered back to his regiment in the South, again becoming a member of his old company. He was with Sherman on the celebrated march to the sea, and was also in the grand review in Washington, being honorably discharged in June, 1865, in the capital city, where he was also mustered out of the service.

While home from the war after his first discharge, Mr. Roe was married, April 13, 1864, at Belleview, Iowa, to Miss Sarah Louisa Dunn, a daughter of Peter and Anna (Lenahan) Dunn. They became the parents of six children: Charles E., a machinist of Burlington, living at 816 Orchard St.; Etta E., who became the wife of Dr. C. L. Paisley, a practicing physician of Farmington, died Sept. 2, 1894, leaving a daughter, Etta Roe; F. A., who is engaged in the practice of dentistry, in Burlington; Nellie M., the wife of John R. Ping, an attorney of the State of Washington; and two who died in infancy.

Mr. Roe was a resident of Muscatine, Iowa, until 1874, when he came to Des Moines county and settled in Burlington. Soon afterward he purchased the property now occupied by his widow. He engaged in the wood and coal trade, and had a good business, which enabled him to provide a comfortable living for his family. His energy and earnest labor were leading factors in his business life, and his home, now occupied by Mrs. Roe, stands as visible evidence of his thrift and industry.

He died Sept. 9, 1890, respected by all

who knew him. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, and of the Grand Army post of Burlington. In his political views he was a staunch Republican, but never aspired to office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs. He was never remiss in the duties of citizenship, however, but gave stalwart support to each progressive measure, just as he had upheld the integrity of the Union when threatened by the disloyalty of the South.

ROBERT J. BURDETTE.

ROBERT J. BURDETTE, humorist, lecturer, and preacher (for in that line of progression has he won his way to the hearts of the American people until his name is a familiar one in almost every household of the land), was for many years a resident of Iowa, and first became known to fame in connection with the Burlington *Hawk-Eye*. He was born July 30, 1844, in Greensboro county, Pa., a son of Frederick E. Burdette, of Virginia, who was of Huguenot lineage, while his mother was of Welsh and German ancestry, and through her he inherited from a long line of Welsh ancestors his Christian name of Robert Jones. When he was two years of age, his parents removed to Cincinnati, Ohio, and in 1852 made their way by the water route to Peoria, Ill., for the era of railroad transportation was then unknown. In the public schools of Peoria he received his intellectual training, being graduated from the high school with the class of 1861, but his entire life has been a school in which his mind has constantly broadened and his perceptions deepened. He has been a student of human nature

more than of all else, giving deep and earnest consideration to the questions which affect the race, its welfare and its progress.

He had hardly left the schoolroom when, in July, 1862, about the time of the eighteenth anniversary of his birth, he enlisted as a private in Company F, Forty-seventh Illinois Infantry, and thus served until the close of the Civil War. He left the military for the civic department of the government service, becoming a mail agent, and in 1869 he entered upon what proved the initial step of his journalistic career, becoming proof-reader on the Peoria Daily *Transcript*. Eventually he was made night editor; and, ambitious to enter upon an independent venture in the journalistic field, he began the publication of the Peoria *Review*, an evening paper, about 1871. This did not prove successful, however, and in 1872 he became city editor of the Burlington *Hawk-Eye*, where he rapidly rose to fame through his humorous articles published in that paper. In the winter of 1876 he went upon the lecture platform in connection with the Redpath Lyceum Bureau of Boston, and his fame on the platform became international.

Robert Jones Burdette, with a chivalry that has always been typical of his nature, accredits his success in life in very large measure to the influence of the two ladies upon whom he has conferred his name. His first wife, Caroline Garrett, was born and reared in Peoria, a daughter of the late Auren Garrett, one of the pioneers of that city. Her father, whose death occurred July 13, 1905, had for seventy-two years been a resident of Peoria, where he located in 1833, when it contained a population of little more than five hundred. His father,

Augustus O. Garrett, was the pioneer hotel proprietor of that city, and at one time a prominent factor in public affairs there. He continued his identification with the business interests of Peoria until his death in 1867.

Auren Garrett was born in Litchfield, Conn., Sept. 29, 1818, and his boyhood days were passed at Honeoye Falls, N. Y., until he was fourteen or fifteen years of age, when he accompanied his parents to the great West. They embarked on a sailing vessel at Buffalo for Chicago, but Auren, the eldest son, traveled overland with a valuable team of horses and wagon, reaching Peoria in the early part of August, 1833. The parents and other members of the family had arrived but a few days before, after completing the trip by water. Auren Garrett for many years followed steamboating on the Illinois River, acting as pilot for more than two decades; and when his diligence and economy had brought him a little capital, he invested in a stock of merchandising, and eventually became extensively engaged in dealing in crockery and wall paper, continuing in trade until his retirement from active business cares in the evening of life. His last years were spent in the home of his daughter, Mrs. David Muir, at 1115 North Glendale Avenue, Peoria, and there he passed away, survived by but one daughter of his first marriage, Miss Medorah Hall Garrett, of Rosemont, Pa. Three daughters of the second marriage are living: Mrs. David T. Muir, of Peoria; Mrs. A. B. Humphrey, of Santa Monica, Cal.; and Mrs. E. E. Newman, of Los Angeles, Cal. Mr. Garrett belonged to that class of splendid pioneer settlers who recognized and improved the opportunities of the great West, and

while advancing individual success, contributed in substantial measure to the development and growth of his adopted city.

It was in Peoria that Robert Burdette and Caroline Garrett were married, and after residing for several years in Burlington they removed to Philadelphia, Pa., and later to Ardmore, a suburb of that city. It was the influence of Mrs. Burdette that led her husband into his humorous writing; and, as he said, "gave him strength, courage, hope, and good sense;" contending that in everything she told him to do he prospered, and that every time he went against her advice he failed. She was a lady of scholarly tastes and habits, recognized her husband's talents, and ambitious for his recognition, because of his power, inspired him to put forth his best effort, and gain a place in the world for which nature intended him. Those who know aught of Mr. and Mrs. Burdette in their home life recognize its close approach to the ideal. For many years an invalid, he was most devoted to her care and welfare.

They had but one son, Robert, Jr., who is now on the reportorial staff of the *Hawk-Eye*. He was born at Burlington, April 10, 1877, and attended the Haverford College Grammar School, of Haverford, Pa., and also Haverford College. After a year spent abroad with his parents, he began newspaper work on the *Philadelphia Evening Bulletin*, and is now with the *Hawk-Eye*. Well known in the city of his birth and residence, he is particularly active outside of business circles in the work of the Baptist church.* Mrs. Burdette passed away in the month of May, 1884, and not long afterward Mr. Burdette removed to Bryn Mawr, Pa., where he lived with his sister-in-law, Miss Medorah H. Garrett.

Mr. Burdette continued for some years his active literary work in the East, writing for papers and magazines and going upon his lecture tours in the winter seasons under the management of the Redpath Lyceum Bureau. He has been a well-known contributor to the *Ladies' Home Journal*, *Brooklyn Eagle*, *Philadelphia Press*, *Lippincott's Magazine*, *Life*, and other publications. Among his writings, aside from his articles for the magazines and journals of the country, are: "Chimes from a Jester's Bells," "Sons of Asaph," "Modern Temple and Templars, or Life of Russell H. Conwell," "Smiles Yoked with Sighs;" while his lectures cover the following subjects: "Rise and Fall of the Mustache," "Advice to a Young Man," "Home," "Move On," "The Woman with the Broom." His latest production is "Rainbow Chasers."

In 1898 Mr. Burdette was married to Mrs. Clara B. Baker, of Pasadena, who, like his first wife, has been a constant source of inspiration and encouragement to him in his work. In her maidenhood she was Miss Clara Bradley, a native of Wisconsin. She married Professor Wheeler, of the university of that State. In those early years Mr. Burdette formed the acquaintance of Professor Wheeler and his wife, and a strong friendship sprang up between them; but later the Wheeler family removed to California, where Professor Wheeler died, leaving a young son, Roy Bradley, the latter now at Pasadena, Cal. He was graduated from Harvard University with honors in June, 1904. Mrs. Burdette lived in California for some time, and then married Colonel Baker, an ex-Confederate cavalry officer, and later a lawyer of considerable reputation on the Pacific Coast. Following his death, Mrs. Burdette

occupied her handsome residence on Orange Grove Avenue in Pasadena, living there for several years with her son Roy. In 1898 she became the wife of Robert Jones Burdette, and they maintained their residence in Pasadena.

It is there that Robert Jones Burdette entered upon the work of the ministry, supplying for one summer the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church, after which he became pastor for the newly organized Temple Baptist church of Los Angeles, Cal. He has for many years been a firm believer in the doctrines of the Baptist denomination, and having been ordained to the ministry, he is devoting his time to the upbuilding of the church there, which in 1906 contemplates the erection of a structure valued at a million dollars, to contain an immense auditorium reserved for the church, while the other rooms will be used for office purposes.

Mrs. Burdette, who is famed for her business ability throughout California, is one of the leaders in this enterprise. Under all the humor that has brightened the lives of the thousands throughout the land who have been interested readers of all that has come from his pen, there is in Robert J. Burdette a depth of character and humanitarian spirit that are manifest in every written and spoken utterance. He has broad human sympathies; and while he frequently treats of the harmless little foibles of human nature, the prejudices in which it indulges and the foolish actions which it perpetrates, his fun is kindly, tender, and considerate. Without special educational privileges, he has become a scholar through deep reflection. He has gained an intimate knowledge of the trend of the world's progress, the possibilities for human development; and

in all of his work there has been a spirit of humanitarianism that, like his humor, has been a radiating influence for good.

DR. JACOB S. CASTER.

DR. JACOB SYLVESTER CASTER, Mayor of Burlington, called to the office in 1904, by the largest vote ever given in the city to its chief executive, stands as a high type of our American citizenship — a man whose business success is the direct outcome of consecutive and honorable effort, and whose political career has been actuated by high principles and lofty patriotism, as exemplified in his tangible and practical labors for the public good.

A native of Iowa, Dr. Caster was born in Franklin Mills, Decatur county, Sept. 15, 1860, his parents being Dr. Paul and Nancy (Hatfield) Caster. His paternal grandfather, John Custer, for so the name was then spelled, was of German lineage, of an ancestry that was represented in Pennsylvania at an early day. He removed from the Keystone State to Hagerstown, Ind., becoming one of the pioneers of that locality, and there Dr. Paul Caster was born and reared. The latter, subsequent to his marriage and the birth of their eldest child, came with his family to Iowa, settling in Decatur county, where he early followed the wheelwright's trade and also engaged in the milling business, being one of the pioneer representatives of industrial interests there. In 1866 he took up the profession of magnetic healing, and gained wide and lasting reputation by his skill and efficiency. Removing to Ottumwa, Iowa, he erected a building there, in 1869, at a

cost of eighty-six thousand dollars — now the Ottumwa Hospital. There he treated people from nearly all parts of the world, patients coming to him from distant sections of this country, as his fame spread abroad and his power was demonstrated by the practical results that attended his efforts. He died in April, 1881, while his wife passed away when her son Jacob was but two years old. Paul Caster married, second, Mrs. Sarah Ferl, a widow of a soldier who was killed at Lookout Mountain, Tenn.

To the first marriage were born five children: Mary Ann, wife of Samuel Gilbert, both dead; John L., Samuel L., both of whom live in Ottumwa; Sallie, wife of George Rutter, of Chicago; and our subject.

To the second marriage were born three children: Lizzie, who died in childhood; Wm.; and Ella, wife of Seneca Cornell, County Attorney of Wapello county, Iowa, and Nettie, now Mrs. Bangs, of Ottumwa.

Accompanying his parents to Ottumwa, Iowa, when about eight years old, Dr. Caster continued his education in the public schools of that city, and later entered the Commercial College, from which he was graduated. During the last five years of his father's life he was associated with him in practice as superintendent of his infirmary. It was the father's earnest desire that the son should take up his profession, but Dr. J. S. Caster refused because of the close confinement necessitated in the conscientious performance of the duties involved. Instead he turned his attention to the machinist's trade, and for nearly nine years was in the service of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, in that capacity. He came to Burlington while so employed, and while still in the railroad serv-



Dr. J. S. Gaster

ice he treated a number of charity cases here, his sympathy being aroused and his broad humanitarian principles prompting his ready aid in behalf of those who had not the means to secure other professional treatment. The cures he effected drew to him the attention of many of the citizens of Burlington, and many pleaded with him to treat members of their families. Thus, without effort on his part, he gradually worked into a practice that made heavier and heavier demands upon his time and attention, until he resolved to direct all his energies into the channels of magnetic healing, and in 1889 he opened his office. Since that time patients have come to him in Burlington from forty different States and Territories, extending from Maine to California, and from the Canadian border to the Gulf of Mexico. Since the third of September, 1891, he has kept a record of his business, having given eighty thousand treatments, of which thirty-four thousand were to residents of Burlington—showing his high position in the public regard in his adopted city.

In his political views Dr. Caster has always been a Republican, and the questions and issues of the day have claimed his earnest consideration and careful thought. He has come to be recognized as a leader in the ranks of his party in Burlington, and in 1897 was chosen alderman, being the first Republican elected to that office in the third ward in many years. In 1904 named as his party's candidate for the highest office within the gift of the city, he was elected mayor of Burlington by a plurality of 1992, the largest received by any mayoralty candidate in Burlington. Thus, with the endorsement of public opinion, he entered the office, and the favorable regard evinced in

the ballot has been in no degree set aside or modified as he has discharged the onerous duties which devolve upon him. When he took the office after a Democratic administration, there was an indebtedness for completed contracts amounting to \$108,992, and yet Dr. Caster has been enabled to do a large amount of paving, repairing, and other practical and beneficial work. The fines from the police department have averaged over eight hundred dollars per month, against less than one-half that amount in previous times. His administration of the affairs of the city is conducted along strictly business lines, appealing to the sound judgment and keen discernment of the citizens, and his course is winning high encomiums. He was elected president of the Iowa League of Municipalities, at the convention held at Burlington in October, 1905.

Dr. Caster has attained high rank in Masonic circles. He is a member of Des Moines Lodge, No. 1, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Burlington, has taken the thirty-second degree of the Scottish rite in the consistory at Davenport, and also belongs to Kaaba Temple of the Mystic Shrine, at Davenport. He is likewise a member of Excelsior Lodge, No. 268, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is a past noble grand, and Eureka Encampment, No. 2, together with the auxiliary—the order of Rebekah, belonging to Paul Caster Lodge, No. 348, which was named in honor of his father. He is likewise connected with other fraternal organizations, and is in full sympathy with the beneficent spirit which forms the basis of all these organizations.

On the 23d of March, 1880, Dr. Caster married Miss Mary Biederman, formerly of Ottumwa, Iowa. They had four chil-

dren, but the first born died at the age of eighteen months. The others are Charles E., of Burlington, who married Anna E. Stoerzbach; Mable R. and Mary E., at home. Dr. Caster is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal church, while his wife and daughters are members of the Christian Science church. They have a beautiful home at the corner of High and Fourth Streets, in one of the most attractive residence portions of the city.

Through the open door of opportunity, which is the pride of our American life, Dr. Caster has made his way to professional, social, and political prominence, and in the light of public criticism, whereby every individual is judged, his course will bear the closest investigation, and can not fail to awaken admiration. A blending of geniality and dignity in his manner, of courtesy and kindness in his deportment, of big purpose and honorable action in his political career, he stands among the representative men of Burlington—an honor to the city which has honored him with high official preferment.

HENRY JOHN DUSTMAN.

HENRY JOHN DUSTMAN, known in business as J. H. Dustman, who, becoming an independent factor in business life in Burlington in 1877, has since made continuous advancement in commercial circles until he is now one of the leading grocery merchants of the city, controlling a trade, which in its extensive dimensions, is an index to his ability and enterprise, was born in Prussia, Germany, a son of H. J. and Mary (Berksteigle) Dustman. When four years

of age he was brought to America by his parents, who located first in St. Louis, Mo., and after a few years came to Burlington, where he continued his education in the public and private schools, having already mastered the elementary branches of learning in St. Louis. Leaving school, he assisted his father in the further development and improvement of the home farm until seventeen years of age, when he went to St. Louis, Mo., where he learned the cabinet-maker's trade, which he followed until 1877. He then engaged in business for himself as a furniture dealer on North Hill, his store being located at the corner of North and Seventh Streets, where he remained for a year. He then removed to his present location, continuing in the furniture business alone for about two years, when he joined his brother, August J. Dustman, in a partnership, and they dealt in both groceries and furniture. When two years had thus passed he purchased his brother's interests, and has since confined his attention exclusively to the grocery trade. The brothers erected the buildings which now stand at the corner of Eighth and North Streets,—a visible proof of their enterprise and executive ability. Under the capable guidance of Mr. Dustman his trade has steadily increased until it is hardly surpassed in the grocery line in the city. The tasteful arrangement of the store, the carefully selected stock, the straightforward business methods employed, combine to make his career a very prosperous one. In connection with groceries he also handles hay, grain, and feed.

Mr. Dustman, in matters relating to the city's welfare and progress, is deeply interested. For two years he has served as a member of the school board and has also been a member of the board of trustees of

the Burlington Hospital since 1900. His political allegiance is given the Democratic party. Fraternally, he has been connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows since 1872, always holding membership with the lodge in Burlington, in which he has filled a number of offices. He has membership relations with the Zion German Evangelical church and is at present vice-president of the board of trustees and has also served as deacon. He is thus deeply interested in the intellectual and moral development of the community, and possesses a benevolent spirit which has been manifest in many acts of charity.

On the 14th of October, 1875, Mr. Dustman was married to Miss Paulina Paule, a daughter of Jacob and Christina (Wehrt) Paule. She died Sept. 22, 1882, leaving three children: Ida C., Phillip H., and Lydia Mary. On the fifth of June, 1884, Mr. Dustman was again married, his second union being with Emma Paule, by whom he has one child, Selma D. His obligations to his family, his fellow-men and his city have always been conscientiously discharged, and by reason of his close application strong purpose, commendable ambition, and unflagging perseverance, he has gained a creditable place among the reliable and successful merchants of Burlington.

JOHN BAPTIST RITZMANN.

JOHN BAPTIST RITZMANN, with one exception the oldest merchant of Burlington, in years of continued connection with commercial pursuits here, was born in Sheffhouser, Switzerland, March 12, 1834, his parents

being Casper and Margaretta (Deuber) Ritzmann. He pursued his education in the public schools, and afterward learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed until his immigration to America in 1854. He crossed the Atlantic in a sailing vessel, which completed that voyage in forty-two days, dropping anchor in the harbor of New York. He afterward went to Toledo, Ohio, and in 1856 he came to Burlington, where he secured a situation in a machine shop, being thus employed until after the outbreak of the Civil War.

In September, Mr. Ritzmann, in response to the call of his adopted country for aid, enlisted in the army, becoming a member of Company F, Fifth Iowa Cavalry, with which he served for three years. He was stationed at or near Fort Donelson, and did actual duties for scouting parties in that portion of the country. In July, 1863, he went with General Cook on a scouting expedition to Huntsville, Ala., after which he returned to Pulaski, Tenn., reaching that place on Christmas Day of 1863. He was in many skirmishes, and was for a time on detached duty, serving with the Michigan Cavalry, on account of having no commissioned officers in his own company, because of re-enlistment of the men of the regiment. He was then sent with the non-veterans to Chattanooga, and was attached to General Thomas's courier line, and had command of Post No. 1, going with him as far as Atlanta, after which the regiment returned to Nashville with General Thomas. It was at that place, on Oct. 30, 1864, that Mr. Ritzmann was honorably discharged, his term of service having expired. While with General Thomas he was wounded in the head by a rebel ball, but he continued in the ranks, not losing any time. He was always a faith-

ful soldier, true and loyal to his duty, and with a creditable record he returned to his home in Iowa.

Again locating in Burlington, Mr. Ritzmann embarked in the grocery business, and is now the second oldest business man, being located at 875 Jefferson Street, where he has remained continuously since 1867. He has for many years enjoyed a large patronage, handling a general line of groceries, and also dealing in hay, grain, and feed. His business has had a steady and healthful growth, and its extent is now such that he annually receives a good income, which supplies him with all of the necessities and many of the comforts of life.

Mr. Ritzmann was married Sept. 21, 1861, to Miss Mary A. Mischler, a daughter of Baptist Mischler. They have six children, namely: Rosalie, the wife of J. C. Kimball, a resident of Burlington township, Des Moines county, where he follows farming; Adel and Clara, both at home; John N., who is living in Pike county, Missouri; and Matilda and Mary, at home.

In his political views Mr. Ritzmann is a staunch Republican, and is interested in the growth and success of his party, but has not sought or held office, save that he served on the relief commission of the county. He is a prominent and valued member of the Grand Army post in Burlington, in which he has held all of the offices. He takes great pleasure in this association with his old comrades-in-arms, and in recalling the signals and events of the war. He has ever been progressive in citizenship, desires the progress and improvement of his city, State, or nation, and during his long residence in Burlington he has made a most creditable record as a reliable business man.

JOHN T. BECKMAN.

JOHN T. BECKMAN, secretary and treasurer of the Moehn Brewing Company, of Burlington, was born June 7, 1854, in Franklin township, Des Moines county, and is a son of Theodore and Berdine (Niemann) Beckman. The father was born in Westphalia, Germany, in 1821, and came to the United States in 1848, crossing the Atlantic to New Orleans in a sailing vessel, which left the port of Bremen. After reaching the Crescent City he proceeded up the Mississippi River to Fort Madison, Iowa, where he secured employment at eight dollars per month. He thus worked for two and a half months, his day extending from eight o'clock in the morning until ten o'clock at night. He afterward came to Burlington, and spent a year and a half in the Postlewaite distillery, and during that period he earned enough to take him to California. Attracted by the discovery of gold on the Pacific Slope, he determined to make his way to the Far West, with the hope of rapidly realizing a fortune there. He bought a pair of oxen and a wagon, and proceeded across the country, going by way of the city of Council Bluffs up the Platte River and across the Rockies to Sacramento. He there engaged in mining for others until he was enabled to make a start for himself. The journey across the plains was made in company with Fred Diercks and James Murphy. Mr. Beckman remained on the Pacific Coast for about two years, and met with fair success in his undertakings there, bringing back with him enough money to enable him to purchase eighty acres of land, where he now lives. As his financial resources increased he added to this property, until his realty holdings now aggregate one thousand acres.

Following his return to Iowa Mr. Beckman was married in Burlington to Miss Berdine Niemann, who was born in Germany, and came to the United States about 1850, sailing from Bremen. She was fourteen weeks on the voyage, and after reaching the shores of the New World made her way direct to Burlington. She was accompanied by her father, John Niemann, three brothers, Clement, Bernard, and John, and her sister Elizabeth, who afterward married Fiedal Hartman, of Burlington. The brothers settled in Burlington, and died leaving families. Mr. and Mrs. Beckman had become acquainted prior to his sojourn in California, and they were married in 1853, settling on his farm, where they have since lived, he becoming one of the most prosperous and extensive agriculturists of this part of the State. Nine children were born unto them, John T., Sylvester, Mary, Frank, Matilda, Henry, Annie, Theodore W., and Frances.

John T. Beckman pursued his education in the common schools, and in his youth assisted in the operation of the home farm, becoming familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He remained with his father until nearly twenty-seven years of age, and was then married and began farming on his own account, being associated with agricultural interests until 1892. He then devoted his attention between farming and general merchandising, and he still conducts both business enterprises, with the assistance of those whom he employs for the purpose. In November, 1904, he removed to Burlington, although he had been associated with business enterprises of this city for some time previous. In February, 1902, he became secretary and treasurer of the Moehn Brew-

ing Company, which position he still fills, and is a stockholder in the Citizens' State Bank, of Mediapolis, and in the Danville State Bank. His business enterprise, laudable ambition, and strong determination have led him out of the field of limited endeavor into broad activity, and he is to-day a representative business man of this city and county. His progress has been made continuously and along safe lines, and while advancing his individual interests he has also contributed to the growth and improvement of business conditions of the county.

On the 20th of April, 1880, Mr. Beckman was married to Miss Theresa Ritter, a daughter of John Ritter, of Fort Madison, and they had six children, of whom three died in infancy. Those living are Edward J., Mary, and Theresa. The wife and mother died in 1892, and on Feb. 12, 1895, Mr. Beckman was again married, his second union being with Julia Walz, at Burlington, a daughter of Dennis Walz. There is one child of this marriage, Theodore.

In his political affiliation Mr. Beckman is a Democrat, and he has held several township offices, including those of trustee and assessor. In matters of citizenship he is always public-spirited and progressive, and his co-operation has proved a valued factor in promoting many measures for the public good. He is a man of distinct and forceful individuality, who has left and is leaving his impress upon the business world.

JEROME EDWARD HEDGES.

JEROME EDWARD HEDGES represents a prominent pioneer family of Des Moines county, as he has been a resident of this

county for sixty-five years, his birth having occurred July 12, 1840, on the farm where he yet resides. His parents, Joash and Eliza (Stage) Hedges, came to Des Moines county about the year 1836, when this was largely an unimproved wilderness. Burlington was but a small town, and the country round about was unimproved, only a few settlements having been made here and there over the prairies and along the streams.

Joash Hedges located in Huron township, where he established a pioneer home and remained for many years. He was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, in 1808, and departed this life in December, 1875, while his wife's death occurred in June of the same year. They were the parents of six children: Joshua, Richard, and Benjamin, all deceased; Sarah, the wife of Dr. Antrabus, who is living in Kansas; Jerome E.; and one that died in infancy.

The family shared in all the hardships and privations incident to frontier life, and as the years passed by developed there an excellent farm. It was upon this place that Jerome E. Hedges was born and reared, and he retains vivid recollections of pioneer conditions and environments, his mind forming a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present. His education was obtained in the early subscription schools. The schoolhouses were built of logs, with puncheon floors and slab seats, while a rough slab laid upon wooden pins driven into the wall served for desks. Greased paper was used for windows, and the methods of instruction were almost as primitive as the schoolhouse.

One of Mr. Hedges' teachers, whom he

well remembers, was Mrs. Lizzie Ripley. He had the privilege of attending school only through the winter months, for in the summer seasons he worked upon the home farm from the time his age and strength permitted. He also early learned the blacksmith's trade under Nels Brown, and established a shop of his own about 1865. For thirty-five years he continued at this trade, doing the blacksmithing for the people of his locality, his excellent workmanship securing him a good patronage in that line.

He has also followed farming through many years, and is to-day the owner of a valuable tract of two hundred and sixty-three acres, of which one hundred and thirty-three acres are a part of the old homestead farm which his father purchased of a Mr. Westphal on arriving in this county. In his farming operations Mr. Hedges displays business ability and executive force, which have been strong elements in his prosperity.

His home is on Sections 13, 14, and 18, and he has placed most of the improvements upon his farm. His residence is one of the most modern and attractive homes in this section of the county, and in the rear stand good barns and out-buildings, which in turn are surrounded by highly cultivated fields. In addition to the raising of the cereals best adapted to the soil and climate, he also raises some cattle and hogs.

Mr. Hedges has likewise been an active participant in public affairs. He has served as school director for many years, and was treasurer of the school board for about twenty-two years, still serving in that office. He was postmaster of the village of Huron for thirty years, and re-

signed his position in 1903, having through that long period discharged his duties with promptness and fidelity. His co-operation can always be counted upon to further any movement for the general good, and his worth is widely acknowledged by all who know him.

On March 8, 1866, Mr. Hedges was married to Miss Vina Luckenbill, a daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Myers) Luckenbill, and a native of Huron township, born April 28, 1842. Mr. and Mrs. Hedges have two children, Eliza and Benjamin, both at home. The family are well known in the county, Mr. Hedges having a particularly wide acquaintance because of the long years of his residence here. His memory is stored with many of the historic annals of the county, and he relates in an interesting manner many anecdotes of the early days when pioneer conditions existed.

JOHN PETER GINGRICH.

JOHN PETER GINGRICH, of Burlington, Iowa, now leading a retired life at his pleasant home, 1720 South Street, was born in Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, in June, 1826, a son of Jacob and Catherine (Miller) Gingrich. He was educated in the common schools of his native State, and his father being a captain and owner of a freight boat on the canal, he also entered that employment, at which he was engaged from the age of nine years to his eighteenth year. He then began working on a farm, so continuing until 1862, when, on September 12, he enlisted at Harrisburg, Pa., in Company E, Seventeenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, and

served until July 5, 1865, when he received honorable discharge at the city of Cincinnati. Mr. Gingrich was a member of the Army of the Potomac, and was in battle shortly after enlistment, the occasion being an attack by the Confederate forces near Washington. The attack was sudden, and he accompanying his captain in a hasty rush to the skirmish line, the officer made his way along a small valley, while Mr. Gingrich took the higher ground, and being visible to all the hostile forces scattered over a vast expanse of surrounding country, became the central target of a heavy musket fire. Hundreds of bullets whistled and hummed about his ears, but he arrived at the scene of action untouched. Afterward he took part in the attack on Washington which was led by Early, the Southern general, and in many other skirmishes and fierce engagements, but received no wound. He was one of the body guard of Abraham Lincoln at Washington, D. C., for six months acting as guard during Lincoln's trips in the country, where he spent many nights.

Mr. Gingrich has been twice married, first to Miss Mary Ann Galbach, daughter of Gabriel and Marian (Marquardt) Galbach. Mrs. Gingrich died in 1861, survived by one child, Clara Ann. On Dec. 17, 1868, he wedded Miss Margaret Applegate, daughter of Robert and Rebecca (McMonigle) Applegate, and to them have been born four children, as follows: Elizabeth; Ida; Coretta, wife of Andrew Phillip Mesmer; and Minnie May, wife of Emil Zimmer; Mary Ada died at age of one year and nine months.

Mrs. Gingrich was born in Brown county, Ohio, April 19, 1836, and removed with her parents to Burlington in 1848. Her father, who was by trade a cooper, and also did

farming, died May 15, 1852, and her mother March 27, 1852, both aged forty-two years. Mrs. Gingrich had a brother, Andrew, who enlisted at Keokuk in the Civil War in the Second Iowa Infantry. He was in the battle of Corinth and with Sherman on his grand "march to the sea." After serving to the end of the war, he was honorably discharged. Mr. Applegate used to be pilot on the Mississippi, but later passed away. The name of John Peter Gingrich is one to which high honor attaches for his faithful service to the nation in time of her peril, and for duty conscientiously performed in days of peace.

ALBERT HACKER.

A WIDELY known citizen of Des Moines county, Iowa, and one who for many years has been a prominent representative of the business interests of this portion of the State, is Albert Hacker, now residing on his farm in Section 20, of Burlington township. Mr. Hacker is a native of Germany, the date of his birth being June 25, 1837, and it was there that he received a good and permanent grounding in the common branches of education in the public schools. He is the son of Carl and Louisa Hacker, both natives of Germany, where the father passed his life as a successful farmer, and where both died at an advanced age, and were buried, they never having visited this country.

In his native land our subject attained to years of maturity, and began the active work of his life by taking employment in a flouring mill, in which he continued until about his thirtieth year, when he resolved to avail himself of the greater and more abundant opportunities awaiting his enterprise and

abilities on this side the Atlantic, and taking passage to New York, came directly to Iowa, locating temporarily at Burlington. He remained in that city for only a short period, however, before taking work by the month on a farm, a work in which he spent the next three years, during which time he became familiar with the language and customs of the country, and by the practice of industry and frugality was enabled to accumulate a sufficient capital to embark in independent business. With this he purchased a remunerative dairy route in Burlington, and by careful management and unceasing attention to the needs of the public, as well as by making at all times the fullest and best use of his resources, he achieved a substantial success — one which has well repaid him for the time, labor, and executive ability which he has expended in its promotion. For the first ten years he rented his present farm for dairy purposes, at the end of that time buying it outright, it then consisting of one hundred and fifty acres of fine land, to which he afterward added twenty acres; and here for many years he kept never less than fifty, and often as many as one hundred cows, himself conducting the enterprise until about four years ago, when he sold the business, and since that time he has been leading a retired life at his farm, enjoying in ease the fruits of his long and successful career. Having never given more than a passing attention to agriculture, and now having no further use for his land for his dairy, Mr. Hacker has recently sold one hundred and twenty acres of his valuable farm land as an addition to the city of Burlington, receiving payment therefor at the rate of somewhat more than one hundred dollars an acre.

Mr. Hacker has been twice married; first



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to Miss Louisa Ries, by whom he had two children: Albert, who died at the age of six months; and Louisa, who became the wife of George Fetscher, a street-car conductor of Burlington, and has two children. The demise of the mother of this family occurred at the home farm, and she is interred in Burlington. The second wife of our subject was Mrs. Rose Sleter, now also deceased, who was the widow of William Sleter, by whom she had four children: Anna, deceased; Charles; William, deceased; and George. To her and Mr. Hacker were born six children, as follows: Albert, a farmer of Des Moines county, who married Miss Emma Fildi, and has one son, Carl; Edward, who resides at his father's home; Caroline, now deceased, who married Fred Hadley, and was the mother of two children, Ralph and Eva; Laura, who married Frank Hardley, of Burlington township, and has one child, Florence; Oscar, who died at the age of six months; Emma, who died at the age of six and one-half years; and Helene, who is a member of the paternal household. To all his children Mr. Hacker has supplied the advantages of an excellent education, thus discharging one of the highest obligations of citizenship in the land where he has attained such great and well-merited success as a result of his own unassisted efforts; for his achievements are indeed his own, and the energetic, honorable, and upright course he has always pursued has made him many friends, who admire his character and greatly value him for his social qualities.

A fine portrait of Mr. Hacker appears at the beginning of this article, which will be fully appreciated by his many friends, not only in his own township, but throughout the whole county.

ANDREW FRENCH CARITHERS.

THE pleasant memories which cluster around the names of those who were accorded a representative place among men during life are to be perpetuated only in history, and it is both the duty and the pleasure of the historian to record the life record of Andrew French Carithers, who in pioneer days became a resident of Des Moines county, and for many years figured prominently in agricultural circles. Moreover, his labors were of direct and permanent benefit in the moral development of the community, through his activity in the church. In all life's relations he was found so honorable and upright that his name came to be a synonym of integrity in his adopted county, and he was best loved by those by whom he was best known.

Andrew F. Carithers was born near Fairville, Tenn., June 19, 1823, his parents being John and Elizabeth (Clark) Carithers. The family in the paternal line is of Irish lineage, the grandfather of our subject being Andrew Carithers, who came from Ireland to America. He wedded Esther French, who had also come from the Emerald Isle early in the decade between 1740 and 1750, being at that time nine years of age. From a notice in a local paper at the time of her demise it is found that she was a centenarian when called from this life.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew (French) Carithers, grandparents of our subject, lived in Pennsylvania, and there their four children, Mary, John, Andrew, and Rebecca, were born. The parents were members of the Seceder church, but became Covenanters after their removal to Tennessee,

where Andrew Carithers died Sept. 2, 1827. His widow subsequently removed with her family to Princeton, Ind., and died there in 1846. (This would make her more than one hundred years old if she came to America in 1740, at the age of nine.)

The maternal grandparents of Andrew French Carithers were John and Isabelle (McCaleb) Clark. The former was born Oct. 31, 1767, and died April 29, 1838, while his wife was born March 16, 1767, and died Oct. 29, 1797. They were the parents of four children: Mrs. Elizabeth Carithers, John, William, and Mathew Clark. The parents came from Ireland about 1792, when their daughter was but three years of age. They settled in South Carolina, and afterward removed to eastern Tennessee, locating on the Holston River, near Knoxville, where John Clark remained until his removal to Princeton, Ind., in 1837. There his death occurred the following year. He was a ruling elder in the Reformed Presbyterian church, and was connected with the New Side after he came to Princeton. He was extremely well read, being especially familiar with the Scotch authors. In all life's relations he was a man of genuine worth, of kindly, affectionate nature, and very faithful to his family and friends. He was twice married, and had two sons that remained in eastern Tennessee. There is but little known concerning his wife, who bore the maiden name of Isabelle McCaleb, for she died many years ago. Her daughter and grandchildren, however, remember her most kindly, so that she must have been a lady possessed of many excellent traits of character.

John Carithers, the father of Andrew

F. Carithers, was born Aug. 7, 1788, and was married to Elizabeth Clark of Knoxville, Tenn., April 10, 1810. Soon afterward they removed to Lincoln county, Tennessee, where their family of nine children were born. They were there connected with the Hepziba Congregation of the Reformed Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Carithers was elected ruling elder in 1822. In 1836 he removed to Princeton, Ind., purchasing about two hundred acres of land in Gibson county, upon which he and his wife spent their remaining days. In the year of their arrival there the Princeton Reformed Presbyterian church was reorganized, and John Carithers was elected ruling elder. He died in 1864, having for a number of years survived his wife, who passed away in 1846.

He was over six feet tall, erect, straight, and of dignified appearance. Moreover he possessed superior intellectual endowments, had a fine voice, expressed his thoughts fluently and easily, and at all times his life was actuated by principles founded upon Bible truths as taught in the Westminster confession of faith. He was a power for good in the church and in his neighborhood. He engaged in teaching school in the districts in which he lived, and among his scholars was the gentleman who is now editing the *Princeton Clarion*, and who said of Mr. Carithers: "This father, who died thirty years ago, was noted in the neighborhood in which he lived for his integrity and eminent Christian character, and was careful to train his household in the truth. The effects of this training are yet seen,—'he being dead yet speaketh' in the generations that follow him."

His wife is remembered to have been rather stout, of about medium height, and of bright, sunny disposition, endearing herself to all who knew her. The following is the record of their family: Isabelle Rebecca, born Oct. 26, 1814, married James Wilson, Aug. 9, 1838, and three children were born to them: Mary E., who died in infancy; John C., who died in the Union army; and Isabelle, who married T. J. Scott in 1867, and is now living in Princeton, Ind. Esther Aseneth, the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Carithers, was born Sept. 9, 1817, married J. W. Paul in 1839, and died near Garnet, Kans., Jan. 6, 1897. Mary Lizada, born April 15, 1819, was married in 1853 to William Stormont, and died Jan. 19, 1894. Andrew French is the next of the father's family. John C. Carithers, born Sept. 20, 1825, married Anna McIntire July 4, 1865, and died Feb. 20, 1903. Josiah E., born Nov. 19, 1828, was married Dec. 2, 1850, to Elizabeth Lockhart. Helen J., born April 13, 1831, became the wife of David Reid, of Rush county, Ind., and they removed to Morning Sun, Iowa, where Mr. Reid was ruling elder of the Reformed Presbyterian church at the time of his death. Melvina L., the youngest member of the family of John and Elizabeth Carithers, was born Nov. 30, 1833, and in 1863 became the wife of William Peoples, who died April 27, 1896, leaving four children, who reside in Princeton, Ind.

Andrew French Carithers began his education in the schools of Tennessee, and later attended the common schools of the Hoosier State, for he was but thirteen years of age when his parents removed to Indiana. After putting aside his textbooks his entire attention was devoted to

farm work, and he thus assisted his father for a number of years. Sept. 12, 1848, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Louisa Reid, a daughter of William and Anna (Work) Reid. She was born in Washington county, Indiana, July 7, 1831, in which county she was also educated. Her father, a native of South Carolina, resided in that State during early manhood, and in 1798 removed to Clark county, Indiana, where he followed farming. Because of slavery he lived at various places for about two years, first in Washington county, Indiana, where he became acquainted with, and married, Miss Anna Work, with whom he returned to Clark county. Her father was one of the leading millers of Clark county, being owner of what was known throughout the State as the Tunnel Mills.

About two years after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Carithers came from Iowa to Des Moines county, arriving here in 1850, at which time Mr. Carithers entered one hundred and sixty acres of fine land on Section 7, Yellow Springs township. As he was ill at the time, his good friend and neighbor, Samuel McElhiney, carried money to the land office and had the land entered in his name, but upon returning home made the deed over to Mr. Carithers. Many hardships and trials were to be borne in those early days, and the financial resources of the young couple were limited; but they struggled onward and upward persistently and energetically, and as the years passed prospered in their undertakings. There has never been a cent of mortgage upon their beautiful farm. Mr. Carithers placed his dependence upon the safe and substantial qualities of indefatigable energy and per-

severance. He raised his first crop where the brick business block in Morning Sun now stands, his wife dropping all of the corn for that crop. Year by year the work of improvement was carried forward, and the farm is now one of the most attractive in the township, the home being surrounded by beautiful shade trees, which are greatly admired by all.

The journey to the country was made with an old team and wagon, which contained all of their earthly possessions. On account of the swampy condition of the country at that time, their travel was fraught with many difficulties and hardships. The horses tired soon because of the condition of the roads, and finally had to stand a few days in order to rest. They stopped in an old deserted log house, but after cleaning it out it became quite comfortable, and proved a much better shelter than they had enjoyed while camping along the way. Soon, however, they traveled on, selected the land for their future home, and built a small log cabin twelve by fourteen feet. To this primitive home additions and improvements were made as such became necessary, and finally the cabin was replaced by a modern frame residence, which stands to-day as one of the beautiful and substantial homes of the township. The improvements on the farm were all placed there by Mr. Carithers, who set out many walnut trees around his residence, and otherwise beautified the property and added to its value. He was thoroughly progressive and enterprising in all that he did, and prospered as a farmer and stock-raiser.

Mr. and Mrs. Carithers had a family of four children: Alice, born March 23,

1852, was graduated on the completion of the classical course at Geneva College, in 1877. She then went as a missionary into the Indian districts, in 1879, where she is still engaged. Work, born, Dec. 19, 1854, was graduated from Geneva College in 1878, and from Allegheny Seminary in 1883. He was then licensed and installed as pastor of Wilkinsburg congregation by the Pittsburg Presbytery, June 20, 1883, and was appointed missionary to the Indians in 1888. There he is successfully laboring still. He married Miss Ella George, of Venice, Pa., May 1, 1883, and they have a daughter, Mary. Anna Carithers, born May 27, 1861, is the wife of Rev. Thomas Patton, who is pastor of the Reformed Presbyterian congregation at Coldenham, N. Y., and they have a son, Ernest. Isaiah Reid, the other member of the Carithers family, is represented elsewhere in this work.

Andrew French Carithers departed this life Jan. 8, 1903, and his family lost a kind and loving husband and father, while to the community, which was made better by the life of this good citizen, his death was also the occasion of deep and widespread regret. He possessed many sterling traits of character that were well worthy of emulation. A lifelong member of the Reformed Presbyterian church, he served for fifty years as an elder in the church in Des Moines county, with which he was so long connected, and in which he was a most active, influential, and helpful worker. On the fiftieth anniversary of his eldership a celebration was held by all those who had served with him as elder in the church in Sharon and in Morning Sun. The occasion was a delightful surprise to Mr. Carithers, who

was presented by his friends with a gold-headed cane bearing the inscription:—

From Sharon R. P. Church
A. F. C.

From Session Sept. 9,
1852-1902.

In his life he exemplified the golden rule, doing unto others as he would have them do unto him. In all business relations he followed the idealistic principle of making his business affairs of service to his fellow-men, as well as a source of profit to himself. As a pioneer he took a very active and helpful part in the early improvement and progress of the county, and his influence was ever on the side of right, substantial development, and moral advancement. He was honored by all who knew him for the success which he achieved, for the straightforward methods he followed, and for the good which he did in the world; and left behind him a memory which is as a blessed benediction to all who knew him. His widow, now in her seventy-fourth year, is an ideal mother and a lady respected and loved by all who have the pleasure of her acquaintance. She is still living on the old homestead which her husband entered so many years ago, and with her daughter still presides as hostess over this hospitable home.

ROBERT G. ROBB.

AMONG the highly honored and respected farmers who claim Washington county, Pennsylvania, as their birthplace, one who has carefully noted all the vast changes in Burlington for over forty

years, and now is quietly enjoying some of the results of the many hardships he was obliged to undergo in his younger days, is Robert G. Robb, whose life record we are pleased to place before the many readers of this review.

Robert G. Robb is a son of George and Jane (George) Robb, and was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, Oct. 14, 1832. He received a good, substantial education in the district schools of his native township, after which he entered upon the farm duties that generally fall to the lot of a farmer's son. He was a very industrious boy, and very handy with the saw and hammer; between times with his farm work he would practice using them, and soon became a carpenter of much ability. He worked at both farming and building for many years.

In 1874 he located in Des Moines county, and his earnings of the past enabled him to purchase one hundred and sixty acres of land, which is the farm he now resides on, and was formerly owned by Joseph McElhiney. He later sold forty acres of this place to his son. Besides engaging in general farming, with the best of results, he raises a number of pure Short Horn cattle. He had one animal of this breed at the World's Fair, which took the fourth prize. When Mr. Robb moved onto this farm it was in need of many improvements, and he at once began the erection of several necessary buildings. He has also repaired and remodeled the house, and now his farm, with its substantial improvements, is considered one of the finest in the township.

Oct. 13, 1859, Mr. Robb joined heart and hand with Miss Mary S. McLoughlin, who was a daughter of Samuel and

Margaret (May) McLoughlin. This union was blessed with six children, as follows: George M., formerly located in New York, is a minister, now residing in Philadelphia, where he works with much success; Samuel Edmund, a bright young man with many friends, departed this life at the early age of twenty-five years; John J. is a prosperous farmer of Yellow Springs township; Thomas C., also tills the soil to a large extent, in the same township with his brother John; Jennie E., the beloved widow of Robert Edgar, married Robert M. McFarland, and will live on Mr. Robb's home place; Margaret May is employed in one of the large millinery stores in the city of Des Moines. After sharing the joys and sorrows of married life for some seventeen years, Mrs. Robb was called to the home beyond the skies July 30, 1876.

Nov. 8, 1878, Mr. Robb married Miss Susan K. Kilpatrick, a daughter of Daniel and Mary Kilpatrick, and they are the parents of one son, William M., who has taken a theological course in Allegheny City, Pa., in preparation for the ministry, and is now at home. Mrs. Robb was born in Monroe county, Indiana, March 2, 1845, and moved to Yellow Springs township with her parents many years ago. A sketch of John Kilpatrick will be found on another page in this review, which will speak more at length of Mrs. Robb's father.

Mr. and Mrs. Robb are devoted and influential members of the Reform Presbyterian church, where he has been elder for many years; they also belong to the Reform Association. Mr. Robb has led a busy life, his strenuous nature being utterly opposed to indolence and idleness,

and through his perseverance and diligence, and his careful management of business affairs, he has won creditable success, being now one of the substantial and valued citizens of Yellow Springs township, where his family is accorded an enviable position in social circles.

JOHN CARDEN.

JOHN CARDEN is a self-made man in the truest, fullest sense of that term, for he started upon his business career with no money. By working in a saw-mill, and renting land for some time, he accumulated a sum sufficient to enable him to purchase a small tract of land. His labor has been unremitting, and his careful management and enterprise have resulted in making him to-day one of the largest land holders of the county. He now resides on a farm in Danville township, about a half a mile from Middletown.

He was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, July 27, 1824, his parents being William and Sarah (Radeliff) Carden, both of whom were natives of England, whence they came to the United States, settling in Hamilton county, Ohio, in the year 1819. There they resided for a long period, the father being engaged in farming until the year 1857, when he came to Iowa, locating in Danville township, Des Moines county. Here he made a home for himself and family, continuing to reside upon his farm until his life's labors were ended in death at the age of eighty-six years. His wife passed away at the age of eighty years, both dying in the house now occupied by John Carden.

They were the parents of eight children, of whom three are still living.

When he was thirty-three years of age Mr. John Carden bought eighty acres of prairie land, and thirty acres of timber, in Danville township, on which there was a small frame house, but he has since erected a large and attractive building. He has also built an extensive and substantial barn and other out-buildings, and, in fact, has made his property a model farm. Here he has since lived, engaged in general farming pursuits. He has also added to the property until he now owns five hundred acres of land in Des Moines county, and with the exception of twenty acres, the entire amount is in Danville township. His farms in this county are rented, and bring him a good income. In addition to his realty interests here he is the owner of four hundred eighty acres of improved land in Dawson county, Nebr.

Mr. Carden has always been a public-spirited and progressive citizen, being an advocate of everything that tends to improve his community, and the champion of every means for public progress. On questions of national importance he votes with the Democratic party, but at local elections, where no issue is involved, he casts his ballot for the candidate whom he thinks best qualified. He was elected county supervisor for three terms, or nine years, being chosen to that office in 1887, and serving until 1896. Many improvements were made during the period of his incumbency, including the building of the county jail, the Weaver bridge, and many other bridges. Two large buildings at the county poor farm were also erected, and one hundred acres were added to this farm.

July 20, 1848, Mr. Carden was married, in Hamilton county, Ohio, to Miss Mary Cornick, who was born in that State, and is a daughter of John and Susan (Baughman) Cornick, both of whom died in Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Carden have become the parents of seven children, six of whom are yet living: John, a farmer, residing at Los Angeles, Cal., married Miss Jennie Long, and they have four children, Grace, Harry, Albert, and Mary; Margaret is the wife of John Sellers, a farmer of Flint River township, and they have one child, Clara; Clara is the wife of J. S. Hanna, a farmer, of Las Animas, Colo., and they have two children, Bessie and Walter; George is a druggist, residing at Long Beach, Cal.; Ella is the wife of Maurice Utter, of Danville township, Des Moines county, and they have two children, Leslie C., twelve years of age, and Frank M., five years old; Charles C. operates the home farm in Danville township; and Frank died at the age of four years.

Mr. Carden has become a respected, valued, and worthy citizen of Des Moines county, where he has now lived for many years. He has figured prominently in local affairs, and his influence is for every measure that tends to progress and improvement. The success of his life is due to no inherited fortune, no happy succession of advantageous circumstances, but to his own sturdy will, steady application, and tireless energy.

William Carden, deceased, brother of John Carden, was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, in 1829. He married Miss Isabella S. Miller, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Reed) Miller. Soon after their marriage they settled near "Jimtown," this county, where they resided

for two years. In 1860 Mr. Carden bought a home in Danville township, and it was here that his death occurred Feb. 14, 1866, in the prime of life, when all seemed brightest and most attractive, and when his business career, which had been so successful, was continually commented on by his friends and neighbors. He and his devoted wife were members of the Congregational church.

Mr. and Mrs. Carden had eight children. These all received the best of education, and with the exception of two, were all teachers for a time. Mr. Carden was one of the most energetic of men, the best of husbands and kindest of fathers, and was never known to do an unkindness to a single person. His loss was a sad blow to his friends and the community.

SAMUEL A. FLANDERS.

SAMUEL A. FLANDERS, in whose life record there is much that is worthy of emulation, and whose memory is dear to the hearts of a large circle of friends who knew and honored him during his active life, was one of the noble figures in the history and development of this section of Iowa, being known throughout Des Moines county as one who was singularly devoted to all that might conduce to the moral and ethical advancement of mankind, as well as being always among the first to aid any movement for the material upbuilding of the community in which he made his home. He was born in Concord, N. H., May 23, 1832, a son of Jacob and Huldah (Abbott) Flanders, his grandparents being Richard and Mary Chandler (West) Flanders and Sam-

uel and Mary (Story) Abbott. Richard Flanders was a soldier of the patriot army in the war of the American Revolution, and the rifle which he carried through that early conflict is still in the possession of the family, being now in the keeping of his great-grandson, Daniel J. Flanders, son of the subject of this review.

Samuel A. Flanders entered the schools of Concord at the usual age and was well educated, he fitting himself for the profession of teaching, which he followed for some time after completing his studies. At the age of twenty-two, however, he felt an ambition to enter into the larger life of the West, then first opening to the world its magnificent field of opportunity, and came to Burlington. Here he taught for a time in district schools near the city, and here on Oct. 24, 1854, he was united in marriage to Miss Martha A. Hilleary, who was born near Burlington April 12, 1837, a daughter of Alexander and Sarah (Morgan) Hilleary. Alexander Hilleary was a native of Virginia, whence he emigrated when a young man to Ohio, and later to Burlington, entering government land here in Burlington and Union townships, where he acquired almost seven hundred acres of the finest agricultural lands in the Mississippi valley. After coming to Iowa he spent the remainder of his life on these farms; and as he had been a farmer all his life, he still continued this occupation, in addition devoting much attention to fruit growing on an extensive scale. He was born in Virginia, May, 1808, and died April 3, 1891. Sarah (Morgan) Hilleary, mother of Mrs. Flanders, was born in 1818, and died Aug. 29, 1877. She, like her husband, was a prominent member of the Baptist church, and was of distinguished family, being the daughter of Will-



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iam Morgan, who was a native of Virginia, and came westward, first to Illinois and later to Burlington, near which he entered a large tract of government land, on which he conducted farming operations, and as a prominent and substantial citizen and a man of ability and exalted probity became the first judge in Burlington. He was a soldier of the War of 1812, and was ever animated by true patriotism and a desire to add to the public welfare. He and his wife died at Middleton, Iowa, and are there buried. Their names are inscribed upon the honored and honorable roll of the pioneers of Iowa, that hardy and valiant race of men and women who made the commonwealth what it is to-day, and theirs is a firm and lasting place in the history of the West. They endured many hardships, and at one time were driven from their home by hostile Indians, husband and wife being forced to flee. They escaped from the Illinois side by walking across the Mississippi River on the ice. Mr. Morgan's real estate holdings comprised much of the present area of Burlington, and he at one time had planted in corn the site upon which the union depot now stands. Mrs. Flanders is one of a family of ten who grew to maturity, while there were thirteen children in all, as follows: Eliza, now deceased; Martha A., wife of our subject; Elizabeth, deceased; John J., killed while in service in Missouri in the Civil War; Mary J., now a resident of California, is the widow of Albin Parsons; William C., resides in southern California; Matilda, married John Martell, and is now deceased; the eighth and ninth children in order of birth were two daughters who died young; Lewis N., a physician, and is located in California; Ida Emma, wife of Oliver Van Winkle, resides at Mount

Pleasant, Iowa; Frances, widow of H. B. Moore, resides in Denver, Colo.; and Clara, wife of Foss Slingloff, lives in South Burlington.

When the Civil War broke out, Mr. Flanders enlisted in Company D, First Iowa Cavalry, and was wounded in Lafayette county, Missouri, Sept. 24, 1861, for which he drew a small pension. March 11, while at home, Mr. Flanders was besieged by non-union men for taking a copperhead pin from one of their number. These nonunionists threatened to mob him if he did not give up the pin. This Mr. Flanders refused to do, telling them he looked upon the pin as he did upon a rebel flag. When Mr. Flanders's Union neighbors heard of these threats, they came at once to his home, and offered to stand-by him to the very last. The mob did not venture to come themselves, but sent an officer to speak for them; but when he saw Mr. Flanders was so well protected, he retired at once, and advised the mob to be off as soon as possible. Mrs. Flanders has the pin in her possession to-day.

In 1866 Mr. Flanders was elected to the House of Representatives for one term, and also served as clerk of the same body. In 1868 he was a correspondent of the *Yearly Hawk-Eye*.

Upon his marriage Mr. Flanders purchased a farm of one hundred and thirty acres in Augusta township, where he devoted his time to farming for a period of fifteen years, at the expiration of which time he sold it and removed to Union township, where he bought a farm of fifty acres. This he made his home during the rest of his life, and as he had learned the trade of carpentering in his boyhood, working at it in the intervals of teaching school, he built on the land a fine home, doing the work himself.

To Mr. and Mrs. Flanders were born seven children, six of whom survive, as follows: Sarah Alice, born Oct. 27, 1855, married A. B. Finney of Sharon, Vt.; Hulda Viola, born Jan. 21, 1858, married Charles N. Morgan, of Concord, N. H., and they have one daughter, Estella; Daniel Jacob, born March 6, 1861, a resident of Des Moines county, living on the old homestead; Mary, born July 31, 1865, married Frank Hunter, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and they have two sons, Milo F. and Daniel F.; Matilda H., born Oct. 23, 1870, married W. F. Segner, who resides at Lake City, Iowa, and they have a son, Robert W., and a daughter, Marjorie E.; Martha Pearl, born May 28, 1874, married Sylvester S. Merrill, of Concord, N. H., now residing in Pasadena, Cal., and they have two daughters, Martha Pearl and Mary Elizabeth.

Mr. Flanders was very successful as a farmer and in a material way, but he did not allow his mind to be absorbed by the pursuit of business to the exclusion of higher interests, and was a faithful member and worker in the Baptist church in Augusta township, for several years holding the office of deacon. Mrs. Flanders is also identified with the Baptist church, holding her membership in Burlington, and since the death of her husband has shown herself a woman of ability in matters of business as well as a lady of most estimable character, she having purchased an addition of forty acres to the farm, from which she draws a handsome revenue. The portion devoted to fruit growing she manages personally, and the remainder she rents. Her home is the center of a profuse hospitality, and she has many friends who value her for her social gifts and fine personality. Mr. Flanders died June 28, 1887, and his remains repose in

Aspen Grove cemetery, Burlington. His death was the occasion of deep and widespread regret, for he was an upright and honorable man in every respect, and won the esteem of all and the love of many. In his family he was a kind and devoted husband and father, his best characteristics being reserved for those of his own household; and yet he was broad and humane in his sympathies, charitable, kindly, and ever devoted to the performance of duty as he saw it. Of him it may be truly said that none knew him but to love him, none named him but to praise.

DANIEL J. FLANDERS.

A PROSPEROUS and progressive farmer of Union township, Des Moines county, Iowa, is Daniel J. Flanders, who was born in this township March 6, 1861, a son of Samuel and Martha (Hilleary) Flanders, and received his preliminary education in the district schools. Later he entered Elliott's Business College at Burlington, Iowa, where he engaged for a time in a course of commercial study, comprising a mastery of business forms and principles, and after the completion of his education he remained at his father's home until attaining his majority. In 1882, at the age of twenty-one years, he went West as a fireman on the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad, and about 1887 was promoted to the position of engineer, which he occupied until 1899, when he resigned and began farming operations. In the year 1900, however, he again went West, becoming an engineer on the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad, running out of Pueblo, Colo., the route including the famous Grand Cañon and the "hanging

bridge." After a stay of several months he returned to Iowa, and purchased a tract of eighty-three acres of fine agricultural land in Union township, southwest of Burlington. A portion of this he afterward sold, and purchased a farm of seventy-one acres, but to the latter he has added until he now owns in all ninety-three acres, largely timber lands. Here he carries on general farming and the usual amount of stock-raising. In 1892 he was united in marriage to Miss Agnes Lawson of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. They have one child, Nellie Alice.

Mr. Flanders maintains an abiding interest in public affairs, but is strictly nonpartisan in his political views, giving the sanction of his ballot to the man he esteems best fitted for public office, regardless of narrow lines of party affiliation. His fraternal relations connect him with Aldebaran Court, Tribe of Ben Hur, at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and he is also identified with the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers at Cedar Rapids, Lodge No. 159. As an engineer he has an enviable record for efficiency, and is widely known among railroad men throughout the West; while as a man and a citizen he takes high rank in the community in which he now resides, and in which he has always been known.

JOHN L. KELLEY.

THE middle western section of the American Union is essentially the home of progress, and throughout all the States composing this section the name of John L. Kelley, of Burlington, is well known as that of a leader along lines of steady and energetic advancement. For many years he has

been engaged in the wholesale and retail trade as the principal member of the firm of J. L. Kelley & Company, dealers in agricultural implements and vehicles, and also maintaining storage and transfer departments.

Mr. Kelley was born near Steubenville, Jefferson county, Ohio, a son of James and Jane (Keen) Kelley, the father a native of Pennsylvania and of Scotch-Irish descent, the grandfather having emigrated from Ireland to America, and the mother, Jane Keen Kelley, being a native of Ireland. The parents of our subject celebrated their marriage in Jefferson county, whence they removed to Carroll county and remained for some years. They then decided to locate in the West, and descending the Ohio River to its confluence with the Mississippi, ascended the latter stream, landing, Oct. 29, 1849, at Keokuk, intending to travel overland to Van Buren county, Iowa, where the father, who was a farmer, had purchased land. They traveled by wagon as far as Primrose, stopped at that place overnight, and while there the father was seized with sudden illness and died the following day, survived by a family of ten children, eight of whom were young, our subject being at that time only about ten years of age, although two were older and were married. Thus left alone in a strange land and with the sole care of a large family, the widow kept the children together on the farm, living there until 1870, when she removed to Birmingham, where she resided until the time of her death, Feb. 12, 1887. She is buried in Birmingham, as is also her husband. Of the ten children, the first five, Mary Ann (Davis), William, James H., Sarah Jane, and Matilda (Eccles), are now deceased. Our subject is the sixth, and the others in

the order of birth are as follows: Eliza C. (Robinson), also deceased; Samuel S., who is living retired from active life, being a resident of Santa Rosa, Cal.; Frank F., a farmer and stock-raiser near Phillipsburg, Kans.; and Robert R., retired, of Colorado Springs.

Mr. Kelley was reared in the work of agriculture on the home farm, at the same time beginning his education in the district schools and later entering the collegiate institute at Birmingham. Enthusiastic in the cause of self-improvement, he also became a student at Jacksonville, Ill., in Berean College, at that time a denominational institution under the care of the Christian church, but not now in existence.

His pursuit of education, however, was cut short by the beginning of the Civil War, for in that momentous crisis he felt that his supreme duty was to his country, and in 1861 he enlisted at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, in the Fourth Iowa Cavalry under Col. A. B. Porter and Capt. A. R. Pierce. He became quartermaster sergeant and company clerk, having charge of the camp equipment and making out the payrolls, but in addition did constant duty on the skirmish line all through the States of Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, and Tennessee, serving under the command of Generals Grant and Sherman at Vicksburg and Memphis, and with the latter through some of his later campaigns; with General Wilson on the famous "Wilson's raid;" and with other noted generals of the Union army. He also participated in the capture of Atlanta, and accomplished approximately four years of hard, faithful, and useful service during the most precious period of his vigorous young manhood, thus dedicating himself wholly to his country and his coun-

try's cause in the hour of her direst need. Fortunately, he received no wounds in battle, but he suffered at one time a severe injury to the shoulder and a broken collar bone by a fall from his horse, and the southern climate seriously affected his health, he being in a hospital at Memphis for as much as two months with a grave attack of malarial fever. His military service terminated at Atlanta, Ga., and he made final settlement of his official accounts at Davenport, Iowa.

On returning to this State Mr. Kelley resumed farming for a time on his mother's farm in Van Buren county, and also taught school in both Iowa and Illinois, about six years in all. For two seasons he traveled in northern Missouri as sales agent for the implement firm of Elliott & Thompson, of Birmingham, and meeting with great success in this line of endeavor, entered the business for himself at Burlington in 1870. Here for twelve years he continued in the same line in partnership with William Elliott, and D. McMillen, under the firm style of Elliott, Kelley & Co., Mr. McMillen not being active in the management. Mr. Elliott retired in 1882, and while the name of the firm remained unchanged for two years, it has been known since 1885 as J. L. Kelley & Co. Originally conducted at Valley and Front Streets, for the last sixteen years the business has occupied its present location at the corner of Fourth and Market Streets, where a fine brick structure, 60 x 110 ft. has been erected especially for the use of this firm, having an adjoining lot 20 x 110 ft. used as yards for storage, etc. Mr. Kelley is one of the pioneers of the wholesale implement business in the West, and from the first has met with large success in the rich agricultural States of Iowa, Missouri,

and Illinois, where his numerous traveling agents have done much to introduce the most modern and approved machinery and thus popularize its use in what is perhaps the greatest and wealthiest farming territory in the United States. This is a work of which he may well be proud, and certainly one which is worthy of his best and most energetic endeavors. Viewed in its proper light of a public benefaction, the success which he has thereby achieved becomes a cause for self-congratulation on the part of all who are interested in the development of the Middle West and of the nation.

Mr. Kelley owns a number of building lots in Burlington and a pleasant home at 1108 South Fourth Street, where he resides with a nephew who is in his employ, William A. Eccles, who married Miss Fannie Augutta, of Burlington, and has one child, Jane. Another nephew, W. W. Robinson, who married Miss Caroline Holstein, is also in Mr. Kelley's employ. Our subject has been connected with various other enterprises than that which he now directs, having been a stockholder in the Embalming Burial Case Company and in the Northwestern Transportation Company. In fact, he has borne a prominent part in the city's activities, for he was a charter member of the Commercial Club, and was a member of the Burlington Board of Trade, since merged with the Commercial Exchange, and acted as its president, a position in which he was able to exercise an active and stimulating influence. Although long affiliated with the Republican party and feeling an intense interest in public affairs, he has never been an aspirant for office. He was a charter member and assisted in organizing Matthies Post, No. 5, Grand Army of the Republic, having attended the State En-

campment at Des Moines as representative of the Post, and having also served as a member of the committee to meet Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at Omaha and escort him from Council Bluffs to Burlington at the close of his celebrated tour around the world.

Mr. Kelley has always lent his heartiest aid and personal encouragement to religious movements, and since about the year 1872 has been a helpful member and worker in the First Presbyterian church of Burlington, in which he holds the office of deacon, and whose present handsome and impressive church structure he assisted in erecting. Among all who appreciate purity of private character and a high standard of commercial integrity, his name is held in especial honor, for in his career are these virtues especially exemplified, and it may be said without extravagance of language that an examination of the facts of his life reveals nothing to condemn and much that is worthy of the highest praise. And herein he has won the highest form of success, for while right actions carry their own compensation, the good-will of friends is an extra reward that makes them more than worth while, and Mr. Kelley enjoys in an eminent degree the respect, admiration, and warm regard of those who know him.

JOHN WAITE.

HON. JOHN CASSAN WAIT, of New York City, civil engineer, counselor at law, and author, has in preparation a large volume, "The Wait(e) Family in America," from which, by permission, material is drawn for this genealogical record of John Waite, of Flint River

township, deceased. The author traces the English lineage. The word "Wait," anciently spelled Wayghte, Walet, Wayte, and with other variations, is derived from the Old High German Wachten (to keep watch), and, in the sense of guard or watchman, is common to all the Teutonic languages.

The original Waytes were found in England, immediately after the Norman Conquest, only among the retainers of the king, princes, and great barons; and among their other functions was that of music and minstrelsy. The name frequently occurs in the British records. In A. D. 1075, William the Conqueror gave the earldom, city, and castle of Norwich, in England, to "Ralf de Walet," who married Emma, sister of Roger, Earl of Hereford, cousin of the Conqueror.

The earliest record found, and the source from whence all by the same name seem to trace their origin, was Ralf de Walet. There is no question among genealogical gleaners but that Ricardus Le Wayte, of County Warwick, who was in 1315 escheator of counties Berkshire, Wilts, Oxford, Bedford, and Bucks, was a lineal descendant of Ralf. Thereafter the name was written Wayte almost exclusively until others of the name came to New England, when that was discarded and Wait, or Waite, used instead.

The Wayte families were pretty well distributed over the central portion of Southern England, extending thence to Northern Wales, and from there some of them migrated to New England. Among these were three brothers; Richard, the eldest, born in 1596; Gamaliel, in 1598; and Thomas, in 1601. They were cousins of Thomas Wayte, who was a member of

parliament, and one of the judges who signed the warrant in 1649 for the execution of Charles the First. The late Morrison Remick Waite, chief justice of the United States, traced his lineage to Thomas Wayte, the Regicide. Col. John Wait, the fifth justice of the supreme court of Rhode Island, was a great grandson of Thomas.

The three brothers arrived in Boston in 1634. Richard, who became marshal of the colony, and Gamaliel, remained in Boston. Thomas settled in Rhode Island. The third son of the latter was Sergeant Benjamin Wait (1644-1704), a soldier and scout, who lived at Hadley in 1665, at Hatfield in 1668, in western Massachusetts. He was engaged in various Indian wars, and was slain in the battle between the colonists and the French and Indians at Deerfield in 1704. The New England Historical and Genealogical Register, Marshall Field's Genealogy of the Field Family of Conway, Craft's History of Whately, and numerous local records, tell of the exploits and heroism of this intrepid Indian fighter. One of the most interesting of his experiences, recounted in prose and verse, is the story of the Indian attack upon Hatfield, Sept. 19, 1677, the capture of Benjamin Wait's wife and children by the Indians, who took them to Canada, his long and determined pursuit, and final recovery of them. The mother gave birth to a daughter while in captivity, who was named "Canada," and one of whose descendants founded Smith College, at Northampton, Mass.

Several generations of the family remained at Hatfield, Whately, and vicinity, various members serving in the colonial wars and the War of the Revolution.

Each of the descendants of Benjamin, in the line of this local sketch, bore the name of "John" in succession: John, born at Hatfield, Mass., 1680, died there in 1744. He, like his father, was a sergeant and commander in many excursions, and was in the fight with the French and Indians at Deerfield when his father was slain. John, born at Whateley, Mass., 1703, died there in 1776. John, born in 1743, served in the War of the Revolution, and died at Norwich, N. Y., in 1801. John, born at Whateley in 1777, lived at Norwich and Oaks Corners, N. Y., and Chesterfield, Mich., and died at the home of his son at Ravenna, Ohio, Nov. 5, 1863. He served in the War of 1812. He married Abigail Cranson, who was born May 7, 1781, and died at Chesterfield, Feb. 11, 1854.

John Waite, the seventh in the line from Thomas, of Rhode Island, was the third in a family of ten children, and was born at Oaks Corners, New York, where he was employed in farming, and later learned the cooper trade. He removed to Ravenna, Ohio, when a young man, and established himself in his trade. He married, April 9, 1835, Miss Martha Amelia Clark, daughter of Ephraim and Ala Amelia (Sperry) Clark, who were among the early immigrants from Connecticut upon the "Western Reserve," that portion of Northeastern Ohio originally belonging to the State of Connecticut.

Later in life Mr. Waite engaged in the marble business, and also took contracts for the construction of railway water-tanks. In 1867 he removed to Burlington, Iowa, and engaged in the retail grocery trade the senior member of the firm

of Waite, Trenor & Co., and later in the commission business under the firm style of Waite & Leebrick. After a few years in the city, Mr. Waite bought a farm in Flint River township, which he improved and where he lived for many years, until advancing age and failing eyesight compelled him to retire from the active management of the farm. While visiting his daughter in Peru, Kans., he died, June 11, 1894, and was buried in Aspen Grove cemetery, Burlington, Iowa.

Mr. Waite and his family were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. For many years he was trustee and steward of the church at Ravenna, to which he was a liberal contributor. In politics he was a Whig, with free-soil proclivities, and became a member of the Republican party at its birth, and was always a faithful adherent of its principles and policies. Strictly temperate in his habits, he was a consistent advocate of the temperance cause. Conscientious, fair-minded, and scrupulously honest in all his dealings, tolerant of the opinions of others, Mr. Waite was universally respected as a man of probity and honor, and held in friendly esteem by all who knew him.

Mrs. Martha Amelia (Clark) Waite was born in Tallmadge, Ohio, Feb. 1, 1819. Both of her parents were natives of Connecticut, and descendants of early settlers of New Haven. The Clark genealogy is as follows: James Clark came from England and settled in New Haven, Conn., in 1638. His son, Samuel Clark died in New Haven in 1729; Samuel Clark, Jr., New Haven, 1673-1754; Hezekiah Clark, Southington, Conn., born 1710; Ephraim Clark, Southington, 1748-1828,

was a soldier in the War of the Revolution, and is buried at Mesopotamia, Ohio; Ephraim Clark, Jr., born at Southington in 1777, removed to Ohio, and settled first at Burton, 1799, and later at Tallmadge, where Martha, the fifth of a family of seven children, was born. Mr. Clark removed to Ravenna after the death of his wife, in 1833, where he died March 3, 1858.

Martha married John Waite at Ravenna, Ohio, in April, 1835. Her maternal ancestry is traced from Richard Sperry, who came from England and settled at New Haven, Conn., in 1640, and died 1698. Ebenezer Sperry, born in New Haven 1663; Isaac Sperry, New Haven, 1703-1751; Hezekiah Sperry, born 1746, removed with his family to Mesopotamia, Ohio, where he died in March, 1850. His daughter, Ala Amelia, who married Ephraim Clark, Jr., was a native of Woodbridge, Conn., and traveled on horseback to the new home of her parents in Ohio, lived at Mesopotamia until her marriage, and then settled in Tallmadge, where she died Oct. 2, 1833. Mrs. Waite was a devoted wife and mother, whose home was her delight, and to whose hospitalities friends were always welcome. A lifelong member of the Methodist Episcopal church, her last audible words were: "Jesus, receive my spirit."

Mr. and Mrs. Waite were buried in Aspen Grove cemetery, at Burlington. Their children are: Amelia, died in childhood; John L. Waite, of Burlington; Mrs. Mary Ella Hartzell, Peru, Kans.; all born at Ravenna, Ohio.

Mary Ella, born March 22, 1851, married (1) John Monroe Eads, who died

Nov. 12, 1880. Their two children are: Alma Weston Eads, born July 31, 1877, at Burlington, died July 1, 1894, at Peru, Kans.; and John Dale Eads, born at Burlington, Nov. 15, 1880. Married (2) Nov. 10, 1885, to Randall McAllister Hartzell, who was born at Newport, Pa., Nov. 9, 1838. They had four children: Max Waite Hartzell, born Aug. 28, 1886, at Peru, Kans.; Dwight McAllister Hartzell, born Dec. 4, 1888, at Peru, and died Jan. 3, 1901; Harold Clark Hartzell, born Aug. 1, 1891, and Dorothy Waite Hartzell, born Nov. 18, 1894.

JOHN L. WAITE.

THE genealogy of the Des Moines county descendants of Thomas Wait, who came from England and settled in Rhode Island in 1630, and his son Benjamin, of Hatfield, Mass., 1644-1704, is outlined in the sketch of John Waite, of Flint River township, of the sixth generation. His son, John Lemman Waite, who came to Burlington in 1862, was born at Ravenna, Ohio, Aug. 29, 1840, and educated in the Ravenna public schools, supplemented by instruction in a private academy and a commercial school in Chicago.

When seventeen years old he took up telegraphy as a temporary employment, serving at Lebanon and Cleveland, Ohio; Chicago, Ill.; and Burlington, Iowa; including the superintendency of the Burlington & Missouri River telegraph line, 1863-64. Retiring in 1869, he engaged in his favorite employment, newspaper work, beginning on the Burlington



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Hawk-Eye (then published by Edwards & Beardsley), as city editor and market reporter. Later, with a number of citizens interested in the A. T. Hay Electrical and Metallurgical discoveries and inventions, Mr. Waite devoted three years to their development.

In 1874 he resumed work on the *Hawk-Eye*, as associate editor under Mr. Frank Hatton, who had bought the paper. When Mr. Robert J. Burdette retired from the staff in 1876-77, to enter the lecture field, Mr. Waite succeeded him as managing editor, resigning in 1882 to accept the postmastership of Burlington, to which he was appointed by President Arthur, serving one term of four years. On July 27, 1885, he assumed the management of the *Hawk-Eye* as editor and publisher, in which work he continues. In 1898 he was appointed postmaster by President McKinley, and was reappointed by President Roosevelt in 1902.

Mr. Waite was married Sept. 21, 1864, to Miss Letitia Caroline Williams. Mrs. Waite is a native of Burlington, editor of the Woman's Department of the *Hawk-Eye*, and author of a booklet of religious themes, "By The Thorn Road." They have three children: Clay Milton Waite, business manager of the *Hawk-Eye*, who married Miss Ida May Southwell, March 9, 1892; Miss Jessie Benning Waite, who married William Henry Davidson, managing editor of the *Hawk-Eye*, April 15, 1902, and who have one child, Barbara Waite Davidson; and Miss Lola Waite,—all residents of Burlington.

In politics, Mr. Waite is a Republican. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and actively identified with church and philanthropic work.

JOHN BLAUL.

PROMINENT among the energetic, far-seeing, and successful business men of Iowa is John Blaul. His life history most happily illustrates what may be attained by faithful and continued effort in carrying out an honest purpose. Integrity, activity, and energy have been the crowning points of his success, and his connection with various business enterprises and industries has been a decided advantage to this section of the State, promoting its material welfare in no uncertain manner. He is one of the foremost representatives of commercial interests in Burlington, and with advancing years has broadened the scope of his labors, finding in each stage of his career opportunity for further advancement.

The Blaul family is of German lineage. The grandfather, the Rev. John Blaul, a native of Germany, was a minister of the Evangelical Lutheran church. His son, John Blaul, who became the founder of the family in the New World, and the promoter of the important business enterprises of Burlington now conducted under the name of John Blaul Sons' Company, was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Dec. 18, 1826, and was educated for the profession of school teaching. He came to America in 1850 upon a sailing vessel, and between three and four months had passed before he reached his destination. He went first to Norwich, Conn., afterward to Bangor, Me., later to Boston, Mass., and thence came to Burlington, where his remaining days were passed. He continued a resident of Bangor until 1856, working at first for sixty cents per day, for he was unacquainted with the language of the people, and had to take any position that offered until he was better

qualified to meet trade conditions in the New World. He worked for a time in a machine shop in Bangor, and later in Boston, but finally was induced to come to Burlington by an old friend, August Poehler, who was also a mechanic, and employed in that capacity in this city. Mr. Blaul, making his way westward, obtained a position in a tinshop, where he remained until 1857, when he embarked in a retail grocery business as a partner of Theodore Poehler, on Front Street, Mr. Poehler having established the store some time previous. These gentlemen were also closely associated because of the fact that they had married sisters.

This partnership continued for many years, when Mr. Poehler withdrew and joined his brother August in business, while Mr. Blaul continued alone in the retail grocery trade until the close of the Civil War in 1865. Mr. Blaul then sold out to his former partner, and in 1866 he opened a wholesale and retail business at 113 Jefferson Street. In 1867-68 he was associated with Philip Hoerr in a wholesale and retail grocery business, one being upon the road, while the other managed the business in Burlington. In 1869 Mr. Hoerr sold out, and established the first cracker factory in Burlington.

From that time until 1882 Mr. Blaul was alone in business, but at that time admitted his oldest son and later his other sons to a partnership. At that time the name of John Blaul & Sons was assumed, and the business became exclusively wholesale. The father remained a partner and the controlling head of the house until his death, which occurred Jan. 27, 1885. He was a prudent, conservative man, whose advancement came through his own untiring efforts, keen discernment, and the careful husbanding of his

resources. He concentrated his energies upon his business affairs, and his name became a synonym for honorable dealing and commercial success. He was plain and unostentatious in manner, but possessed the worth of character that won him the confidence of the entire business community.

John Blaul, Sr., was married first in Germany to Miss Maria Anna Neufeld, who died in Boston, Mass., in December, 1854. The children of that marriage died in infancy, with the exception of John Blaul, who is now at the head of the grocery house. In 1857 John Blaul, Sr., was again married, his second union being with Katherine Knoener, a daughter of Charles and Katherine Knoener, who were natives of Germany, and came to Burlington early in the '50's, from Lippe, Detmold. Her father was a school teacher and taught in the parochial schools of Burlington, in connection with the carrying on of agricultural pursuits. His daughter, Mrs. Blaul, died in August, 1902. The children of this marriage are Charles; Theodore; Lewis; Amelia; Pauline, who died in 1901; and two who died in childhood.

John Blaul, Jr., whose name introduces this record, was born in Boston, Mass., Feb. 11, 1853, and was brought to Burlington in 1857. He pursued his education in the grammar and high schools of this city, and in his boyhood spent all his spare time in his father's store, so that he gained thorough and practical knowledge of the business. From the age of sixteen years all of his time was devoted to the grocery trade, and he remained an employee of the house until 1882, when he was admitted to a partnership. He was married May 13, 1877, to Miss Louise Dewein, of Burlington, a daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Meier) Dewein,

who came to Burlington in 1841, her father becoming a shoemaker of this city. His daughter Louise was born April 13, 1853, and unto Mr. and Mrs. Blaul were born seven children: Milton, Mark, Robert, and Selma, who are living, and Clara, Louise, and John, who died in childhood. Mr. Blaul has the pleasure of having his two oldest sons employed in the firm, and he hopes to make grocerymen out of them. John Blaul is a Democrat in his political affiliation, and served for two terms, or four years, as alderman of the city. He is deeply interested in public progress and improvement, and has been a co-operant factor in many measures for the general good. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Business Men's Association, and is a financier of marked ability, strong purpose, and unflagging energy.

Charles Blaul, our subject's brother, was born in Burlington, July 28, 1860, was educated in the public schools, and like his brothers received his business training under the direction of his father. He became a partner in 1882. He spent eight years upon the road as a traveling salesman, and he now has charge of the coffee and spice mills of the company. He was married in Wapello, Iowa, to Miss Jessie Stephen, a daughter of Levi and Jane (Dickeson) Stephen. They have one child, Jessie Marie.

Theodore Blaul, born Feb. 23, 1862, was educated in the public schools, and became a member of the firm in 1882, while the following year he went upon the road as a commercial traveler for the house, but since 1886 has had charge of the canning plant, which is worked in connection with the business of the firm. He was married Oct. 14, 1886, to Miss Emma Unterkircher, a daughter of P. F. Unterkircher.

Lewis Blaul, born Oct. 16, 1863, was a public school student until 1879, when he entered his father's store, and has since been in the counting house. He was admitted to the firm in 1885, and was head bookkeeper and cashier for a number of years, but in 1902 he retired to his farm south of Burlington. He has never resumed active work in the store, although he retains his interest therein; and he also has other extensive invested interests in commercial enterprises of Burlington.

After the admission of the sons to the business, the extent and scope of the trade was greatly enlarged. The elder sons became partners in 1882, the younger in 1885. Not only have they conducted a wholesale grocery business, but they have also made a special feature of the importation of coffee and spices, grinding their own spices and manufacturing flavoring extracts and baking powder. They have also established a canning factory in connection with the business, putting it in operation in 1895, and have since canned tomatoes, pumpkins, hominy, and apples, and expect soon to can baked beans. In the manufacturing department one hundred people are employed, in the canning department fifty people. Altogether there are five hundred people dependent upon the business of this firm, including the families of proprietors and employees. The business was at first conducted at 113 Jefferson Street, where John Blaul, Sr., purchased property, which the family still own. In 1880 he built a store at 113 N. Third Street, between Valley and Market Streets; and in 1892 the brothers erected the present fine structure now occupied by the company, to which the addition was built in 1903. The lower story is of stone and the two upper stories are of brick. There is fine trackage

in the rear. The present canning factory occupies the site of the old Sunderland mill, and in fact the old building still stands on a corner of the lot. On the first of February, 1903, the business was incorporated under the name of John Blaul Sons' Company, with John Blaul as president; Charles Blaul, vice-president; Theodore Blaul, treasurer; E. G. Koonz, secretary. John, Charles, Theodore, and Lewis Blaul, together with W. H. Ripley, A. J. Riepe, and E. B. Kerns, constitute the board of directors, several of whom are traveling salesmen. They now have eighteen traveling salesmen on the road, covering much of the West and Northwest, besides a portion of Illinois, and the volume of their business is indicated by the fact that so many commercial travelers are now employed. From a small retail grocery trade the enterprise has developed until it has reached extensive proportions, covering many branches, each one supplying a large patronage. The annual business has reached a very large figure, and the house has ever maintained an unassailable reputation, the straightforward policy inaugurated by the father being maintained by the sons. They are men of resourceful business ability, who have found in the business conditions of the present opportunity for advancement and successful accomplishment, and their position in commercial circles of Burlington is second to none.

THEODORE BLAUL.

THEODORE BLAUL, who in his utilization and recognition of business opportunity and his close application and well-directed efforts has contributed to the development and success of one of the lead-

ing commercial enterprises of Burlington, was born in this city, Feb. 23, 1862, and is of German descent, his grandfather, the Rev. John Blaul, having been a minister of the Evangelical Lutheran church in Germany. His son and namesake, John Blaul, was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Dec. 18, 1826, and was educated for the teacher's profession, but in 1850 crossed the Atlantic on a sailing vessel, and from that time forward the whole course of his life was changed. He spent a brief period in Norwich, Conn., and was afterward employed at mechanical pursuits in Bangor, Me., at first working for sixty cents per day until he had mastered the English language and rendered his labors of more value. He was afterward employed in a similar capacity in Boston, Mass., and then, through the influence of his old friend, August Pochler, he came to Burlington. A year's service in a tinshop here was followed by his entrance into the retail grocery trade, and this was the beginning of the extensive wholesale business of John Blaul Sons Company.

Theodore Blaul, educated in the common schools and in a business college of this city, practically grew up in the business, and at the age of eighteen took a permanent place in the store, acting as shipping clerk for two years. Later he went upon the road as a commercial traveler, thus representing the house for five years; and after being admitted to a partnership in 1885, he took charge of the coffee-roasting department, which was then added to this business, and for five years remained at its head. The succeeding five years were spent by him as city salesman. He assumed the management of the business of the

Burlington Canning Company, a branch of the business of the firm, which was established in 1895. Here tomatoes, pumpkins, hominy, and apples have been canned, and after a year a pickling department was added, and olives, catsup, and other goods in the pickle line, were put up. Theodore Blaul now has charge of the canning department and of special lines of goods in the house, including syrups and cigars, and also has charge of the buildings. The present commodious building occupied by the firm was begun and the east side completed in 1903. The original building is sixty by one hundred and forty feet, and the L is forty by one hundred and twenty feet. The brothers, each having charge of some special branch of the business, have developed one of the leading commercial enterprises of the State, with a trade that is increasing each year, and the policy of the house is one that commends itself to their many patrons.

In 1886 Mr. Blaul, of this review, was married to Miss Emma L. Unterkircher, a daughter of P. F. Unterkircher, of Burlington. They have four children: Phoebe C., Theodore F., Emma Louise, and Arthur Philip. Mr. and Mrs. Blaul are members of the Presbyterian church. Socially he is connected with the Burlington Boating Association, the Burlington Golf Club, and the Crystal Lake Fishing Club. His political allegiance is given to the Republican party, and he keeps in touch with the questions and issues of the day, although never seeking political preferment. He is a genial, courteous gentleman, a pleasant, entertaining companion, and has many staunch and admiring friends among all classes. As an en-

ergetic, upright, and conscientious business man and a gentleman of attractive social qualities, he stands high in the estimation of the entire community.

LOUIS BLAUL.

LOUIS BLAUL, of Burlington, Iowa, occupying a prominent position in the progressive business circles of the city as vice-president of the Schmidt Hardware Company, was born in Burlington, Oct. 16, 1863, a son of John and Catherine Blaul, a full account of whose lives and ancestry will be found elsewhere in this volume. Mr. Blaul is indebted to the public schools of this city for his early education, but after leaving the work of his preliminary studies he entered Elliott's Business College of Burlington, and pursued a course of training in business principles and commercial forms. Thus equipped for practical endeavor he entered his father's business, in which he continued until attaining manhood's estate. This training under the paternal direction has since proved of great value, and has played an appreciable part in his later successes.

On April 17, 1895, Mr. Blaul wedded Miss Bertha Paehler, of Lawrence, Kansas, a daughter of Theodore and Sophie (Tappe) Paehler, and four children grace their union, these being Sophie C., Bertha P., Laura L., and John Louis. Mr. and Mrs. Blaul are prominently identified with the work of the Congregational church, of which they are members and generous supporters; and in a social way, Mr. Blaul is a member of the Burlington

Boating Association. Politically, he is allied with the Republican party, but devotes his attention principally to matters of business rather than to partisan activity. His rise has been steady and his success marked, and he enjoys a degree of popularity which is bright with promise for the future, as well as being the best possible testimony to the strength, uprightness, and integrity of his character.

P. A. ANDRE.

EVERY great, monumental success contains lessons of infinite value for the beginner in business or any chosen line of activity, and the commercial and industrial leaders of the rising generation can do no better than to apply themselves to the study of the careers of men whose integrity, industry, self-reliance, and singleness of purpose have elevated them to commanding positions in the world of affairs, and won them reputations for ability and exalted character which neither time nor ill-fortune can mar or destroy. Such a success and such a life are those of P. A. Andre, of Burlington, Iowa, proprietor of the Green Horn shoe store, and for half a century one of the leading merchants of that prosperous city, which numbers him among its early pioneers, and owes him much for his part in its upbuilding and marvelous development.

Mr. Andre was born Aug. 22, 1830, in the duchy of Nassau, Prussia, and emigrated to America with his father's family in 1848, stopping for a time at New Orleans, later at Louisville, Ky., and coming to Burlington in 1851. He is one of a

family of three brothers and one sister, these being as follows: Christian, now living retired at 1604 Summer Street, Burlington; George, for many years a grocer in Burlington, later entering the ministry, and on the failure of his health going to England, whence he returned, and became interested in banking at Pekin, Ill., amassing wealth, and residing at that place until his death, greatly regretted by all who knew him for his high personal character and great scholarship; P. A., the subject of this review; Catherine, who is unmarried, and resides at 1610 South Fourteenth Street, Burlington.

All the sons acquired the shoemaking trade, but for about six years after coming to Burlington P. A. Andre was variously employed, carrying a hod as mason's helper, doing farm work, clerking in a grocery store, and similar occupations—whatever offered ordinary remuneration. In 1852 he wedded Miss Catherine Seheurs, a native of Albany N. Y., and of Pennsylvania Dutch parentage.

The first connection of Mr. Andre with the shoe business in this city was as clerk in the shoe store of J. M. Caffrey, whose employ he entered in 1857, and in which he continued for five years, and was then taken into the business as a partner, having demonstrated himself to be the possessor of unusual talent for business management. Four years later, upon the departure of Mr. Caffrey for the State of New York, he purchased the business upon very favorable terms, and has ever since conducted it with signal success, there having been no time during the last fifty years at which it has not enjoyed a fair degree of prosperity. The store has always been located on Jefferson Street,

and Mr. Andre is the oldest merchant engaged in continuous business on that thoroughfare, while the name of the Green Horn shoe store has become a household word throughout a vast expanse of territory. In addition he has extensive real estate holdings in this city, and has made many real estate loans, having by virtue of his extraordinary ability and aptitude for practical affairs, built up an ample fortune. To his credit also stands the Andre Building, erected by him, which is one of the substantial business blocks of Burlington, and is now occupied by the J. S. Schramm dry-goods store. His entire active life has been devoted to business exclusively, and the persistency with which he has refused to allow any other interest to distract his attention may be shown by the fact that although he visited Philadelphia and Chicago during the periods of the Centennial and Columbian Expositions, respectively, he did not attend either of them, feeling that other matters were more important, and that his individual responsibility required another and different use of his time. One exception must be cited, however, namely, his earnest and devoted work for the church, the only organization of whatsoever nature in which he holds membership.

The circumstances leading up to the naming of the Green Horn shoe store are interesting in the light of past events and significant facts of American history. It is related that during the days of the great transcontinental rush of pioneers to the unoccupied territory of the Far West for purposes of settlement, in which the long journey was commonly made overland by wagon, a family of these travelers,

on their return, disappointed and penniless, from the new country to the East, stopped at the Andre store and traded a pair of deer horns for a pair of shoes. These were nailed over the door, and later were painted green, hence the name. This shoe store is no doubt the oldest anywhere in this portion of the West. Its original number was 44 Jefferson Street, but is now 218, a fact which illustrates forcibly the remarkable growth and expansion of the city since the days of its foundation. Mr. Andre divides his time between the store and his outside affairs, but is usually to be found at his old place of business.

To Mr. and Mrs. Andre were born three sons and two daughters, John H., Edward, P. Henry, Lulu, and Lydia. Mrs. Andre died Jan. 18, 1881, and lies at rest in the Andre mausoleum in Aspen Grove cemetery,—a magnificent structure with solid cement foundation, granite base, and superstructure of Joliet limestone, constructed at a cost of \$7,000, and requiring a year for its completion. It was erected by Anderson, of Chicago, who constructed the Grant monument at Riverside and the Douglas monument in Chicago.

Mr. Andre has been a lifelong member of the Washington Street German Methodist church, in which he has ever been and still is a very faithful and helpful worker, acting as class-leader and in other positions for many years. He was closely associated with the late Mr. John Burg in the building of the present house of worship, and their names are chiseled in the corner stone. He gave two years of his time to soliciting for the building fund, besides making a money donation of very

generous proportions. In 1887 he erected a palatial home at the corner of Eighth Street and Maiden Lane, at a cost of \$18,000, and it is there that he resides, with his two daughters.

Mr. Andre has always been identified with the Republican party since its formation, and at one time received nomination for member of the board of supervisors of Des Moines county, although the usual Democratic majority was too large to be overcome. His place in the esteem and regard of his fellow-townsmen and of all his personal acquaintances is exceedingly high, for he commands that respect which rests on character and notable and worthy achievement, and is one of those rare personalities upon whom the confidence of the public is bestowed as it were by natural right. Self-made, the architect of his own fortunes, he has made his way upward resolutely and by his own merits to a height which few attain and for which few are so well fitted as he.

JOHN H. ANDRE.

BURLINGTON claims among her native sons John H. Andre, who for three decades has been a conspicuous figure in her commercial life, and stands to-day in the forefront of progress. Mr. Andre was born March 2, 1853, the son of P. A. and Catherine (Scheurs) Andre, and is indebted for his early training to the public schools of his native city. On completing his preliminary schooling, however, he decided in favor of a broader preparation for future contingencies, and matriculated in Bryant & Stratton's Business

College, in which he pursued an extended and careful course of study in commercial forms, methods, and principles, thus making a thorough provision against the demands of practical life, which he has since met, in all their modern complexity.

Although the senior Andre was himself engaged in business, he desired that his son should become a railway engineer, and this career was mutually decided upon. Circumstances rendered his assistance necessary in the father's shoe store for a time, however; and having once entered upon this line of work, the earlier project was abandoned, and he has now been engaged in the retail shoe business continuously for a period of thirty-five years. He retains numerous memories of early business conditions in Iowa, and relates a variety of reminiscences in a most interesting manner, mentioning among other things, that formerly the farmers were accustomed to travel to Burlington from great distances, and as a result usually spent the greater part of the night in making their purchases, in order to make their absence from home duties as brief as possible. On these trips, which were made no oftener than was necessary, bundles of sticks were brought to town as measures of boots and shoes to be bought for those members of the family who remained at home.

Mr. Andre at the present time acts as buyer for the store, as bookkeeper and cashier, and has charge of the firm's advertising, being virtually in the position of manager, which he has occupied for many years, and in which by the exercise of tact and executive ability he has materially added to the reputation and prosperity of the establishment.

At Wapello, Iowa, May 22, 1881, he was united in marriage to Miss Emma Griebel, of that place, who was formerly prominent in church work as Sunday-school superintendent and church organist, and for twenty years they have occupied a pleasant home at the corner of Eighth and Division Streets, where they are the center of a devoted circle of friends, and enjoy an environment of refinement and culture. As feeling a genuine solicitude for the general good, Mr. Andre takes part in public affairs as a member of the Republican party, but has never sought political office, confining his activities to private business and the use of his influence in the interest of good government.

EDWARD ANDRE.

EDWARD ANDRE, son of P. A. Andre, was born in Burlington, June 20, 1856, and has been connected with the Green Horn shoe store in a clerical capacity for the major part of the last thirty years, during which time he has formed a large circle of acquaintance in this city and vicinity. He wedded Miss Anna Romkey, and one child graces their union, this being a son, Dale. The family resides at Seventh and Maple Streets. Mr. Andre has won general respect and consideration, and has many friends.

P. HENRY ANDRE.

P. HENRY ANDRE was born in Burlington, Iowa, June 21, 1860, son of P. A. Andre, and after leaving school learned

the trade of carriage blacksmith; but after the failure of the large factories at this place on account of eastern competition, he entered the shoe store, in which he has been engaged as a clerk for twenty-three years.

On Dec. 24, 1882, he married Miss Clara Glendy, of Omaha, Nebr., and they have one daughter, Pearl, who is organist of the First Baptist church of Burlington. Their home, built in 1897, is located at the corner of Division and Gunnison Streets. The family are earnest Sunday-school workers, and Mrs. Andre is also a member of Whatsoever Circle of the King's Daughters, in whose work she takes a prominent part.

A large measure of popularity has come to Mr. Andre, and in 1902 he received the honor of nomination for the office of county clerk of Des Moines county at the hands of the Republican party, although he was subjected to defeat, as the county is strongly Democratic. His religious connection is with the First Baptist church, to which he has long given his services as usher, while he has also been a member of the official board for a long term of years. Fraternally, he has membership relations with the Woodmen of the World, in which he has, at various times, held the several offices.

THOMAS CARGILL ROBB.

THOMAS CARGILL ROBB, a breeder of Shorthorn cattle, living in Yellow Springs township, was born in Washington county, Pa., Jan. 7, 1867, his parents being R. G. and Mary (McLaughlin) Robb. He is in-

debted to the district-school system of Iowa for the greater part of the education he acquired, although for three years he was a student in the schools of Indiana. He was reared as a farm lad, and early took his place behind the plow, assisting his father in the various departments of farm labor until he began farming on his own account. In the fall of 1898 he purchased eighty and one-third acres of land from the heirs of Dr. Robinson, in Section 18, Range 3, west, and in 1903 he bought an adjoining eighty-acre tract on the north from the children of Theron Robinson. For this he paid a little more than ninety-four dollars per acre. He now has a beautiful place, well tiled, and improved with all modern conveniences. None of the accessories of a model farm of the twentieth century are lacking, and he takes just pride in the fine appearance of his place.

Mr. Robb has purchased to some extent imported Shorthorn cattle, but has never made exhibition of his stock but once, when in 1904 he exhibited a young calf at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis, winning thereon a prize of eighty-two dollars. He has long been known as a breeder of Shorthorn cattle, and at this writing he has about thirty-five head of fine registered stock of that grade upon his place. He has held a number of sales, some of his stock bringing very high prices. On one occasion he sold a two-year-old heifer for ten hundred and thirty-five dollars. He now has two imported cows upon his farm, one of which has given him a calf every ten months. The sales have netted him about four hundred dollars each. In addition to the raising of cattle, Mr. Robb is also quite extensively engaged in raising and feeding Poland China hogs.

The home life of Mr. Robb is very pleasant. He was married, Feb. 12, 1895, to Miss Anna E. McElhinney, a daughter of Robert A. and Margaret Jane (McClurkin) McElhinney. She was born in Washington township, June 30, 1870, and there is one child by this marriage, Mary Margaret, whose birth occurred Nov. 14, 1901. The parents are members of the Reformed Presbyterian church. Mr. Robb has long resided in Iowa, and has witnessed many changes here. At the same time his business career has kept pace with the uniform growth, and he is to-day controlling extensive and profitable stock-raising interests, while his property is the visible evidence of his life of well-directed labor and business discernment.

ROBERT A. LOMAX.

PROGRESS has always centered in the towns and cities, and civilization has been advanced, not by the individual, but by the concerted effort of many, directed by the mind of one who possesses keen sagacity and appreciative understanding of possibilities, and an adaptability that enables him to utilize the means at hand and to combine forces so as to produce new possibilities. It is along such lines that all business activity has been secured, and it has been through the direct efforts of Robert A. Lomax that business enterprises have been built up which have been of marked benefit to the community in which they are located, as well as a source of wealth and profit to himself. He is now a prominent capitalist of Burlington, Iowa, where he has resided for the past six years. He has largely retired from the active world, giving his

supervision merely to his invested interests. A native of Ohio, Robert A. Lomax was born in Wilmington, Clinton county, Jan. 31, 1842. His parents were William P. and Mary (Rankin) Lomax, the former being born in Gilford county, North Carolina, in December, 1801, and came to Ohio with his parents when nine years of age, remaining on their farm till 1853. He then moved to Henderson county, Illinois, where he bought a large farm, and after the railroad was built, opened a general store. The station of Lomax was located on his farm. The father of our subject died Sept. 7, 1878, aged seventy-seven years. He was a Republican, and was commissioner of Henderson county for several terms, and served as justice of the peace for years. The mother of our subject was a daughter of William Rankin, who was born in Ireland, and who came to America when a boy ten years of age. Mr. Rankin's folks settled in Port William, Clinton county, Ohio, where they bought large farming interests, and where Miss Rankin met and married Mr. Lomax in 1834. Mr. Rankin died in 1855, and his daughter, Mrs. Lomax, passed away Jan. 16, 1888, at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. Besides Mr. Robert A. Lomax, of this review, his parents had one daughter, Elizabeth, who was born in Ohio, and married Adam Foggy, and passed away on Easter Sunday, April 23, 1905, in West Point, Iowa.

Mr. Lomax received his early education in the common schools of Henderson county, Illinois, and later attended the academy at Denmark, Iowa, where his studies were of a substantial nature. He then assisted his father on his farm of four hundred acres till about 1870, when he engaged with his father in conducting a general store in Lomax. After his father died he conducted

the business for several years, and then sold the store and turned his attention to his farm property, where he raised the finest kind of stock to a very large extent, and has from time to time added to the original farm, until to-day he is in possession of some twelve hundred acres of improved, rich farmland. He has always been a staunch Republican, and held the office of postmaster at Lomax from 1870 to 1888, and was also county commissioner for six years, both of which offices of trust he filled with much care and attention. In the fall of 1899 Mr. Lomax moved to Burlington, Iowa, and took up his abode in a handsome residence located at 211 Polk Street, which is one of the attractive streets of Prospect Hill. Here he lives in ease and luxury, while his immense farms in Illinois are in the hands of responsible and trusted tenants.

March 22, 1871, Mr. Lomax became the life companion of Miss Armina D. Paul, daughter of Melzar and Mary Ann (Wescott) Paul. Mrs. Lomax was born in Plessis, Jefferson county, N. Y., June 6, 1842. Her father was born in Vermont, Nov. 3, 1811, and conducted a hotel at Plessis, N. Y., for thirty years. He finally located in Terre Haute, Henderson county, Ill., for his health, where he died Feb. 20, 1889. During his short residence in Terre Haute, Mr. Paul was a commissioner of the county. Mrs. Paul was born in Syracuse, N. Y., and died in Terre Haute, Ill., April 17, 1891. They were members and liberal supporters of the Methodist church.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Paul six children were born, all of whom are dead but Mrs. Lomax and Melzar A. Paul, who has been an active farmer since boyhood, and resides in Terre Haute, Ill., and has one daughter, Alice, who is the wife of Percy Penny of

Stronghurst, Ill. Alvah Paul, brother of Mrs. Lomax, enlisted in Terre Haute, Ill., in Company B, Ninety-first Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served all through the Civil War as lieutenant. After the war was over, he returned to Illinois, where he soon died, as he lost his health while serving his country in this national conflict. May 8, 1876, the oldest sister of Mrs. Lomax married Dr. J. A. James, of Terre Haute, Ill., who also enlisted in the same company with her brother Alvah, and held the position of captain with much dignity. Rhoda Paul, another sister of Mrs. Lomax, married J. O. Anderson, who was sheriff of Henderson county for thirteen years, served all through the Civil War, and also represented Henderson county in the State Legislature. He now resides in Chicago, where he holds a responsible position in the revenue office. Fraternally, Mr. Lomax is a Mason of the thirty-second degree.

Besides the hundreds of acres of valuable land in Illinois and the ideal home in Burlington, mentioned above, Mr. and Mrs. Lomax have a pretty place in southeastern Texas, which contains a fine orchard of twenty acres, upon which he raises all kinds of fruit but apples and cherries. For the last thirteen years they have spent the winters on their property in Texas, and have thus escaped much of the cold of the long Northern winters. They spend the summers in Burlington, and are the owners of a beautiful automobile, from which they derive much pleasure.

Mrs. Lomax is a devoted member of the Methodist church, where her husband also attends, although his mother was a Cumberland Presbyterian and his father a member of the Christian church. Mr. Lomax has

always been a man of resourceful business ability, and his success may be attributed, in part at least, to his ready recognition of opportunities, his understanding of public needs, and his ability to meet these. Whatever he has undertaken in his business career has been carried forward to successful completion along lines of activity that command the highest respect and confidence of the public. His methods have ever borne the closest investigation and scrutiny, and while splendid success has attended his labors, he owes his prosperity to traits of character that all might envy.

SAMUEL SMITH.

SAMUEL SMITH, deceased, was a representative of one of the oldest pioneer families in Des Moines county, and was himself an honored citizen of the county for many years; but it is not these facts alone that entitle him to mention in this volume, but because of his activity in agricultural circles, his honor in business life, his loyalty in citizenship, and his devotion to all that pertains to the welfare and progress of his town, township, and county. He also served his adopted country with much bravery and fortitude. Mr. Smith was born at Cleckheaton, Yorkshire, England, Oct. 26, 1826. His parents, Peter and Martha (Ellison) Smith, were also natives of England, his father being born in Yorkshire, May 13, 1795. His mother was born in Sutton, Jan. 22, 1800, and was the eldest of five children.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith were married, when very young, in England, where the former was engaged in farming and milling till 1835, when the declining prospects of business led



SAMUEL SMITH.



PETER SMITH.



MRS. MARTHA SMITH.

him to lease his comfortable home and cross the great Atlantic, in order that his eight children might have a better chance in life. They left Liverpool, April, 1835, the second Sunday after Good Friday, and came by way of New York direct to Sangamon county, Illinois, where Mr. Smith intended to locate; but hearing of the "Black Hawk" purchase, he turned his attention to Iowa. On their way by teams across the country they lost their youngest child, Albert, aged eight months, near Rushville, and his remains were brought on and buried at their new home. Aug. 1, 1835, they crossed the Mississippi River, and from thenceforth were prominently identified with the young and growing city of Burlington. He bought three hundred and seventy acres of fine land on the Mason road from a gentleman by the name of Bullard, upon which there was an old cabin, with ten acres under cultivation. Mr. Smith at first had considerable trouble with squatters, who tried to jump his claim, and at one time was assisted by the settlers,—two hundred or more,—who peaceably removed from his land a man whom he had warned off, and burned his cabin. In about four years this land came into the market, and Mr. Smith secured a title from the government. They were also more or less troubled by the Sac and Fox Indians, who wanted mostly food and clothing; and it was in this way that the children learned much of the Indian dialect. He was engaged in general farming, raising wheat very extensively for the markets, and became a prosperous stock-raiser also. In 1841 he began to burn lime, being one of the first and largest dealers in this article. As time went on he built a very large and comfortable stone house and erected a modern barn, and his place, known as "Rock-

wood Grange," was one of the most beautiful and best-cultivated farms in Burlington township.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith were blessed with fifteen children, of whom ten grew to manhood and womanhood: Ann is the wife of Claiborne W. Hunt, of Burlington, Iowa; John, deceased; Ellison was a prosperous farmer of Danville, and died July 5, 1893; Samuel, of this review; William, a lumber merchant residing in Richland, Iowa; Edward, died in Des Moines county Aug. 12, 1898; James, was actively engaged in agriculture in western Iowa, where he died Nov. 29, 1889; Jane, married William Finch, of Macoupin county, Illinois; George, a farmer, lives near Leon, Iowa; Sarah, lives at 1610 South Street, Burlington. Besides these, five died in infancy. On Jan. 21, 1869, fifty years from the day that this youthful couple stood up in the quiet English church and joined their hearts and hands for life, they again stood up before their children and children's children to celebrate their golden wedding. In rehearsing the joys and sorrows of the past, their tedious struggles up, and peaceful passage down, the hill of life, and in thanks, congratulations, and good cheer, the day was spent. Before night closed this beautiful and impressive scene, the fervent words of that grand old hymn (Mr. Smith's favorite), "Before Jehovah's awful throne," united all hearts and voices in praise to the Almighty, and thus this anniversary was ended. In a little over a year from this joyous time a sorrowful family was gathered under the same roof, for the kind husband and loving father was cold in death. He died Jan. 25, 1870, in the seventy-fifth year of his age. Mr. Smith was a fine old gentleman, possessing those noble characteris-

ties that make the true man and loyal citizen, and his sudden death was a blow to friends in all stations of life. His worthy wife survived him many years, spending the evening of her peaceful life on the old homestead with her son Samuel, of this review, and her daughter Sarah, who both rendered their mother every kindness in her widowhood. Mrs. Smith passed away April 25, 1881, in the eighty-first year of her age. She, too, had experienced many hardships, but had struggled on and upward, and was of a very happy and cheerful disposition, possessing a warm and loving heart especially for those in distress. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are both buried in the shade and cool of Aspen Grove cemetery.

Mr. Samuel Smith, of this review, received his early education in the schools of his native place, and was about nine years of age when his parents came to America. He remained upon his father's farm till 1850, when he decided to go West, and started over the plains with an ox-team, being three months and twenty days on the way. Arriving in Ringgold, Cal., he was very successful in digging gold. In the summer of 1851 he made a visit to his old home, where he remained till the following spring, when accompanied by his brother William, he again made the trip to California, crossing the plains with a team, and engaged in mining and tending water works.

When the Civil War broke out, Mr. Smith at once gave proof of his allegiance to his adopted country, and enlisted in the Fourth California Infantry, in which he served for three years, having charge of a scouting party for about half of the time, the regiment doing duty in Arizona, New Mexico, and Washington Territory. He was a brave and gallant soldier, and was

honorably discharged at the close of this great rebellion at Fort Juña, Cal. He then spent a few months in the mountains to recruit his health, and in 1865 left Santa Cruz county for his old home in Iowa, where he took charge of the farm. He was actively engaged as an agriculturist and stock-raiser till 1887, when he and his sister Sarah rented the old homestead and moved to Burlington in 1888. This same year he was appointed to fill the unexpired term of W. E. Woodward as justice of the peace, and was re-elected three terms. The first of June, 1896, he was appointed overseer of the poor, which office he filled to the satisfaction of all till his death. These offices were bestowed upon him by the Democratic party, of which he was a strong and hearty supporter. He was a member of Des Moines Lodge, No. 1, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Iowa Chapter, No. 1, Royal Arch Masons; and St. Omer Commandery, No. 15, Knights Templar. He also belonged to Matthies Post, No. 5, Grand Army of the Republic, and Washington Lodge, No. 1, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, all of Burlington. The last years of his life were spent at his pretty home on South Street, where his faithful and devoted sister Sarah kept house and administered to his wants. Miss Smith is a lady of great refinement, and was educated in the Denmark Academy. She has traveled a great deal in the United States, and has also made a trip of a year to the home and birthplace of her parents beyond the sea. She still resides on South Street, surrounded by many friends and kind neighbors. After several months of suffering Mr. Smith was called to join those near and dear to him Sept. 17, 1901, in the seventy-fifth year of his age. His death brought

universal sorrow, and the county lost a good citizen, a man whose greatest pleasure was found in doing good in his quiet, kindly way; a citizen whose first thought was for the welfare of his country and the community in which he resided. He was conscientious in all things, and usually attended the Baptist church, but his mind was unbiased by any particular creed. His life is a fitting example to many starting out on the rough voyage of life, as he began at the very bottom round of the ladder; but by great activity, honesty, and uprightness he was enabled to accumulate a comfortable competence. His memory will long be cherished in the hearts of his many friends and relatives.

EDWARD W. ROMKEY.

EDWARD W. ROMKEY, assessor of Union township, Des Moines county, Iowa, and at the present time residing on his farm in Section 16, belongs to the younger element of progressive and conservative men whose influence is proving valuable to the community. Mr. Romkey was born July 3, 1869, at the home where he now resides, the son of Conrad D. and Catherine (Klaus) Romkey. Conrad Romkey was a native of Berlin, Germany, at which place he was born in the year 1804, and whence he came to America at thirteen years of age. Taking passage in a sailing vessel, he landed at Baltimore after what was probably one of the most remarkable voyages in point of length ever recorded in the annals of ocean travel for a similar distance, as the trip occupied all told 163 days. Proceeding to Pennsylvania, he remained in that State for some time after landing, but later removed to the city of

Defiance, Ohio, where he engaged in the building of canal boats, and also ran a dry dock. This line of activity he pursued until 1866, at which time he again decided to remove westward; and coming to Iowa, he located in Union township, Des Moines county. There he purchased the fine farm of 160 acres on which his son, Edward W., now resides, and one year after his arrival erected a large and substantial dwelling-house. He engaged in general farming with signal success, and continued to make this place his home until the time of his death, which occurred Jan. 5, 1880. The element of religion was a strong factor in his life, and as a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Burlington he gave generously of his means for the support of Christian work, while his conduct was faithfully modeled upon the highest moral and spiritual ideas. Public affairs absorbed much of his attention, and to questions of politics he devoted much deep and conscientious study. His partisan allegiance was in the main given to the Republican party, in whose general principles he was a firm believer; but he sometimes supported the Democratic ticket, and a significant fact is that he never voted for a candidate for the presidency of the United States who was not elected, thus proving that on great questions of public policy his judgment was always in accord with the general consciousness of the nation. Certainly he could in no way have shown more effectively that he was an American of the Americans. He was a man of sound practical judgment and unusual business ability, while the finer phases of his character were such as to win universal admiration, so that he enjoyed in an eminent degree the esteem of those who knew him.

It was while making his home at Defi-

ance, Ohio, that Conrad Romkey wedded Miss Catherine Klaus. She was born in Germany, and as a young woman came to the United States, landing at New Orleans, whence she came North and went to live in Ohio just prior to the Civil War. She still survives, at the age of seventy-six years, and is now a resident of the city of Burlington, Iowa. Like her husband, she early became identified with the Methodist Episcopal church. She is the mother of nine children, eight of whom are now living, and to the welfare of her family she has ever given the most devoted care, rearing them in true reverence for religion and for ethical principles.

Edward W. Romkey, subject of this review, who is the eighth child in order of birth of Conrad and Catherine Romkey, received a good common-school education in his native township, but desiring some further and more adequate preparation for the work of his life, also matriculated in the Business College of Burlington, in which institution he accomplished much that has since proved of decided value to him. On the conclusion of his course of study at Burlington, he returned to the parental home and resumed the work of the farm, and this he has ever since continued, with the exception of a period of three years, during which time he resided at Stockwood, Clay county, Minn., engaged in farming. At that place he purchased a farm, which he afterward sold, however, and returned to this place.

In Union township on Dec. 27, 1894, Mr. Romkey was united in marriage to Miss Nellie R. Staff, daughter of John and Rachel (Ramsey) Staff. Mr. Staff is a native of Sweden, from which country he emigrated to America as a young man; and Mrs.

Staff, who was born in Scotland, crossed to this side of the Atlantic at twelve years of age. They were among the pioneer settlers of Iowa, early locating on their farm in Union township, where they still live, and their part in the development and upbuilding of this portion of the State is one for which they deserve credit, for the hardships of pioneer life on the Western frontier were very real and very formidable, requiring courage and unfaltering determination to endure. They enjoy an enviable standing in their community. To Mr. and Mrs. Romkey has been born one child, a daughter, Nellie Ruth, born at Stockwood, Minn., Dec. 29, 1895.

Mr. Romkey is essentially a man of practical affairs and business tendencies, and while he has of necessity given his principal care to his farm, on which he maintains first-class buildings and equipment, and into the management of which he has introduced the most modern and up-to-date ideas and methods, he has also taken a leading part in some of the broader movements of the times. In 1902 he was one of the incorporators of the Burlington Rural Telephone Company, organized with a capital stock of \$5,000, which was subsequently increased to \$25,000, and was elected first president of the company, an office which he occupied until January, 1905, thus giving to the infant organization the benefit of his executive ability during the critical period of its existence. During his administration and under his care two hundred and fifty instruments were installed, with contracts on hand for approximately fifty additional. In January, 1905, he was elected secretary and treasurer of the company, to whose interests he is at present devoting the major portion of his time, and the prosperity of the organization is becoming

ing more pronounced and rapidly increasing in many ways. It is safe to say that no single enterprise ever inaugurated within the confines of Des Moines county has conferred greater benefits upon the farming communities, or has been equally beneficial in such a variety of ways, while the future of the movement is pregnant with possibilities as yet not dreamed of. The promotion and supervision of such a great undertaking requires a union of business qualifications which is indeed rare, and that Mr. Romkey has achieved so marked a success in so brief a time is a matter for congratulation to all concerned. Mr. Romkey is also actively interested in local politics as a faithful worker in the ranks of the Republican party. At the same time, he has never been rabidly partisan in his views, and has always believed that honesty and fairness are just as necessary in politics as in private life, and that no party is justified in using questionable means to secure the triumph of its views, as the right to rule belongs to the majority and not to the skilful manipulator. In recognition of the confidence reposed in his ability and integrity by his fellow-citizens, he was elected when quite a young man to the office of trustee of Union township, which he occupied for a number of years with credit to himself and his constituents, and at the present time he holds the office of township assessor. While immersed in the multifarious affairs of public and business life, however, he has at no time lost sight of the higher interests or been unmindful of his duties to religious and humanitarian movements. He is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Union township, to the various departments of whose work he lends substantial encouragement and support in generous measure. A man of genuine mod-

esty, he has never been disposed to call attention to his own merits, rather preferring to let his work speak for itself. Quiet and unassuming, he is nevertheless of a genial disposition, and has the gift of winning and keeping friends. He enjoys unbounded popularity in Union township, and is in touch with many of the leading business and public men of Des Moines county, who respect him for the solid qualities of his character.

MICHAEL HENRY GAHEGAN.

MICHAEL HENRY GAHEGAN, at the present time the oldest representative of the business and commercial interests of West Burlington, Iowa, was born in Rochester, Monroe county, N. Y., Aug. 24, 1846, the son of Michael and Mary (Follen) Gahegan. His early education was begun in the public schools of Rochester, but in 1856, when ten years of age, he removed with his parents to Burlington, and here his education was completed in the public schools of the city, and in Saint Paul's Catholic parochial school.

On the completion of his formal training, he began his independent career by taking a position in the Putnam mill, driving the first delivery wagon that was ever driven in the city of Burlington, and thereafter doing all the hauling from the mill. His first work at this mill, however, which was done in 1860, was the marking or branding of barrels, and during the twelve years that he was in the employ of this institution, he worked his way from the most humble position to the highest,—that of general miller,—thus proving himself possessed of true executive ability. He was at various times

engaged in the work of every department, acting in every capacity, and achieving success in all; but in 1875 he decided to resign, and accepted a position in Mr. H. E. Hunt's grocery store, where he remained for two years, acting as clerk; after which he was employed as clerk in the steam bakery of Phillip Hare for two years, and then returned to the mill for one year.

He next formed a partnership with George Moran, changed to the firm style of Gahegan & Smith, and for a year they conducted a grocery business on South Ninth Street, at the end of which time he purchased, individually, a portion of the firm's location, and embarked in an independent grocery enterprise. This was continued until 1883, when he came to West Burlington and started a general store, and in 1884 sold his interest in the grocery store at Burlington to his partner, Henry Andre, who had been associated with him for a time. In 1890 he engaged in the commission business in Burlington, locating first on Main Street, and later on Valley Street, and this was continued, in connection with his grocery business on the corner of Ninth and Maple Streets, for a period of approximately three years, with considerable success, yielding very satisfactory returns. He then returned to West Burlington, assuming his present business.

On May 30, 1869, Mr. Gahegan was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Colgan, daughter of Charles Colgan, and to them were born eight children, of whom two died in infancy, and four died later, of consumption, as did also the mother of the family, the date of her death being April 1, 1887, in the forty-first year of her age, she having been born in 1846. Of the children, Mary and Sadie died in infancy; Harry

died at the age of thirty-three years; Ralph at the age of eighteen years; Ruth, born in 1882, died in 1896; Charles, born in 1872, died in 1904; while those living are Frank, born Sept. 6, 1875, and William, born March 10, 1885. On Oct. 18, 1888, Mr. Gahegan was again married, his second wife being Miss Mary E. Carl, and they are the parents of five children, as follows: Leo, born Feb. 9, 1891; Maranica, born Feb. 2, 1892; Leander, born Nov. 13, 1894; Michael, born Dec. 26, 1895; and Harry, born May 12, 1897.

Mr. Gahegan's religious faith is that of the Catholic church, to the support of which he is a generous contributor; and fraternally he is a member of the West Burlington Lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. His political allegiance he gives to the Democratic party, in which he has been a very prominent worker for many years, and has received at the hands of his fellow-citizens many public trusts, which are evidence of the high esteem and confidence which he enjoys from those who know him. In 1883 he was elected to represent the fifth ward of Burlington in the city council, and in 1885 he was elected trustee of Flint River township; while under each of the two administrations of President Cleveland he received appointments as postmaster, and discharged the duties of that highly responsible position with great efficiency and to the entire satisfaction of the public. Thus his whole career has been successful to an unusual degree and in every particular, for he is in the best sense of the word a self-made man, having begun at the bottom of the business ladder, and by his own industry, care, foresight, and good judgment attained his present desirable position among the substantial interests of the

community. At the same time he has proved himself to be the possessor of business talents of most diverse character, and has made many friends, who hold him in honor and esteem as an excellent example of thorough integrity and high-minded citizenship.

JOHN DIETRICH BERGES.

REV. JOHN DIETRICH BERGES, for many years a minister of the German Evangelical church, and now living retired in Burlington, was born in Prussia, Germany, Jan. 28, 1838, his parents being Herman Henry and Louisa (Ellerbrok) Berges. He was a student in the public schools of his native land until fourteen years of age, and when a young man of seventeen years he came alone to America and began preparation for the ministry as a student in Eden College, in Warren county, Missouri, from which institution he was graduated on the completion of the regular course with the class of 1866. He was ordained to the ministry in June of the same year, and soon afterward began preaching, his first charge being at Strausburg, Tuscarawas county, Ohio, where he remained for about two years. He was afterward at Ackerville, Washington county, Wis., where he continued for four years, after which he spent a similar period at Primrose, Lee county, Iowa. His pastorate at Wheeling, Minn., covered nine years, and then after a year spent in Missouri, he had to leave that field on account of ague, and removed to Switzer, Ohio, where he remained for nine years. He spent four and a half years at Vienna, Dorchester county, Md., where he did some colonization work, founding a German

colony. Later two years were passed at Troy, Ill., and he afterward removed to Farina, that State, remaining in Fayette county for two and a half years. That was his last charge, for, on account of impaired hearing, he gave up the active work of the ministry, and in 1903 removed to Burlington, where he is now living retired. He had devoted thirty-seven years of his life to active pastoral duty as a minister of the German Evangelical church, and in many places where he was located the churches with which he was connected enjoyed great growth and spiritual awakening. A zealous worker, an earnest speaker, and one whose life exemplifies his faith, he has not been denied the harvest that follows the sowing of the good seed.

Mr. Berges first visited Burlington in 1856, and remained here until 1860. Following his retirement he again took up his abode in this city, where he is now permanently located. He was married, April 29, 1867, to Miss Elise Moery, who died July 14, 1868, leaving a daughter, Emma Lydia, born Jan. 23, 1868. On the fifteenth of April, 1869, he married Elizabeth Guth, and the only child of that marriage died in infancy, while the mother's death occurred in 1870. August 3, 1871, Mr. Berges married Wilhelmina Guth, a sister of his second wife, and they became the parents of eleven children: Anna Catharine, born April 14, 1872; Herman Lorenz, who was born Jan. 23, 1874, and died April 10, 1899, while his wife, whom he married April 22, 1897, and who bore the maiden name of Emma Wittig, died Jan. 7, 1898, at the age of twenty-two years; Ludwig Johannes, born Dec. 6, 1875; Ludwig Edward, born Dec. 24, 1878; Anna Maria Sophia, was born Aug. 16, 1881, and died April 23, 1904; Martha Emma,

born Nov. 30, 1883; Karl Arthur, born July 18, 1886; Heinrich Oscar, born Oct. 29, 1888; Adolph Phillip, born May 22, 1891; Paul Theodore, born Nov. 17, 1893; and Emil Guth, born July 4, 1898, and died July 28, 1899.

Politically, Mr. Berges is independent, although he usually supports Republican principles. He cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln, and has generally exercised his right of franchise in support of the candidates of that party. He was at one time postmaster at Wheeling, Minn., for four years, but otherwise has held no political office, preferring to give his undivided attention to his church work. He yet occasionally fills a pulpit in the absence of a regular pastor, but is practically living retired at his pleasant home at 2020 Sunnyside Avenue.

JOHN HENRY BERGES, SR.

JOHN HENRY BERGES, SR., who is now living a retired life in Burlington, where many years he labored persistently and indefatigably in the acquirement of the competence which he now enjoys, was born in Exeter, Prussia, Germany, Nov. 3, 1829, his parents being John Henry and Louisa (Ellerbrok) Berges. He obtained his education in the public schools, and when in his fifteenth year he began working on a farm for three dollars and a half per year, together with his clothes and laundry. When seventeen years of age he began learning the shoemaker's trade, which he followed in the Fatherland until the fall of 1853, when he made arrangements to come to America.

In October of that year, bidding adieu

to home and friends in his native country, Mr. Berges took passage on a sailing vessel, which after six weeks reached the harbor of New Orleans. He at once started up the river to Burlington, but the ice in the river impeded progress, and he was forced to lay over for days at different places, being obliged to remain at Quincy for three weeks, so that it was not until the seventeenth of March, 1854, that he reached his destination.

Upon his arrival in Burlington, Mr. Berges secured work at a dollar a day on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, which was then being builded, being employed in that way until July, 1855, when he began work for the Burlington & Missouri Railroad. After a short time he worked by the month for a Mr. Fletcher in the Barrett House, and then again entered the service of the railroad company, working for three months on the line west of Burlington. In the winter months he engaged in sawing wood wherever he could get work to do, and in the following summer he secured a position in the Gilbert Lumber Yard. He again sawed wood in the following winter, and in the spring worked in the Henry foundry, where he remained until the spring of 1859, when he became a hand at threshing. Later, in the railroad service, he was engaged in loading ties and wheels until the fall of 1859, after which he was employed at the gas works until the spring of 1884, covering a period of twenty-three and a half consecutive years, during which time he won promotion through capable service, acting as foreman for fifteen years. During one year, on account of ill health, Mr. Berges engaged in no active business save the building of a residence adjoining his pres-

ent home. In the fall of 1859 he had purchased his present corner site, on which was a little two-room cottage, to which he afterward added, until, with the many improvements he has made, he now has a pretty home at 1301 Corse Street. In 1886 he accepted the position in charge of the improvements at Aspen Grove cemetery, continuing in that place for thirteen years, when, in June, 1900, he resigned his position and retired to private life, enjoying the fruits of his former toil. His life has been a very active and busy one, and although he came to America empty-handed, he had the energy and determination that enabled him to make the most of his opportunities, and in due time gain success.

On the tenth of September, 1854, Mr. Berges was married to Miss Louisa Waldorf, a daughter of Charles and Louise (Castrup) Waldorf. They have six children: Herman Conrad, born March 4, 1855, lives within sight of his father's home; John Henry, born Jan. 12, 1857, is clerking in Schramm's store; Christina Louisa born Sept. 20, 1859, and living at the corner of McLane and Bartlett Streets, is the widow of John Loose, who was killed on the railroad in 1882; Mary Magdalene, born Jan. 10, 1862, is the wife of William J. Swigart, a farmer; Anna Maria Frederica, born March 3, 1865, died at the age of three months; Wilhelmina Sophia, born July 6, 1868, is the wife of William Kuerger, who is clerking in his brother's grocery store; Edward Deidrich, born April 16, 1871, completes the family. Mrs. Berges died Dec. 16, 1900.

Mr. Berges is a member of the German Evangelical church, with which he has been identified since his arrival in Burlington. Politically, he was a Republican until

Grant's election, since which time he has held himself free from party ties, although he voted for McKinley and Roosevelt for the presidency. In 1882 he was elected a member of the city council and served for one term. He has been a resident of Burlington for more than a half century, and is therefore a witness of much of its growth and improvement, and has taken just pride in what the city has accomplished. His own personal career has also been marked by steady progress, and the poor young man who came to America is now one of the respected citizens of Burlington, with a comfortable competence for his old age.

NILS ANDERSON.

NILS ANDERSON, long known as a highly successful business man and leader in public life of Des Moines county, was born in Christianstad, Sweden, Nov. 10, 1848, a son of Sven and Lucy (Tufveson) Anderson. He was one of a family of seven children, of whom only one other now survives, this being Anna, wife of Anders Nilson, of Sweden. The father, who was an architect, died in Sweden about the year 1853, aged forty-four years. He was survived for a few years by his wife, her demise occurring in September, 1857, in the thirty-ninth year of her age. Both were members of the Lutheran church, by whose teachings they guided the course of their lives.

A paternal grandfather of our subject, Anders Loek, was in the regular army, and later took part in the war of the Allies against Napoleon I. Born in 1775, he died in 1880, having attained to the

remarkable age of almost one hundred and five years. He survived a number of his own children, of whom there were twelve. The maternal grandfather Tufveson likewise reached old age, and died in his native land at the age of seventy years.

Mr. Anderson's parents having died when he was but a mere boy, he was left to shape his own career, and with only a small amount of financial resources. This he employed in gaining an education, first completing the work of the common schools, and later taking a partial course of study in the "Kristianstads Elementar Laroverk." On leaving school he apprenticed himself to a shoemaker, learned the trade, serving for that purpose a term of three years without pay except board and lodging.

In 1870, having definitely decided to try his fortune in America, he emigrated to this country, and coming West, located in Burlington, where he embarked in the boot and shoe business. This enterprise he afterward discontinued, and took employment in the A. Kaiser clothing house as a clerk. In 1878 he entered the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company as a clerk in the land department, remaining in that position until January, 1887.

Meantime, Mr. Anderson, by reason of his steady career of strict integrity, his genial manner, and his social disposition, had made hosts of friends; and having joined the ranks of the Democratic party, by whose principles of political equality he was strongly attracted, he became very prominent in its work, taking a leading part in its counsels, and by his zeal and ability contributed largely to its

success, serving as delegate to various conventions.

In recognition of his work he was nominated by the party, in 1880, for the office of county recorder of Des Moines county, and was elected, entering upon the official duties Jan. 1, 1887. His first term was marked by such uniform and high efficiency that he was re-elected, and in fact, he developed such a considerable degree of popularity by his careful and conscientious attention to duty at all times, that he received four re-elections, serving in all five terms. In 1897 he was the nominee for county treasurer, and was elected; but after serving one term he refused to become the nominee for re-election. In 1898 he was nominated by the Democratic party for State treasurer, but his nomination occurring in such a strong Republican State, he was defeated.

Since returning to private life he has been engaged in the real estate business, in which he has been very successful, and now holds the responsible position of treasurer of the Swedish Lutheran Mutual Fire Association. This Association embraces all the churches and parsonages of the United States and Canada of the Swedish Lutheran denomination, with risks outstanding one million five hundred thousand dollars.

In 1875 Mr. Anderson was married to Miss Matilda Thornquist, who died two years after marriage, her death occurring Dec. 17, 1877. This union was blessed with one child, who is also dead. On Nov. 6, 1883, he married Miss Augusta Thornquist, a sister of his first wife, and to them have been born three children, as follows: Carl Plato, Lillie Matilda, and Roscoe Isedore.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are both consistent members and among the principal supporters of the Swedish Lutheran church, in which the former has held the responsible position of trustee for many years. Mr. Anderson is of a very patriotic family, having had two uncles who defended their adopted country throughout the Civil War. One, Gustaf Anderson, was killed at the battle of Shiloh; and the other, Carl Boja, was fatally wounded, and died in a hospital near Gettysburg. As a business man he stands among those who have achieved notable success. He is a man of broad and liberal views, public-spirited, quiet, and unpretentious, one whom it is a pleasure to know, and an honor to count among one's friends, and stands high in the confidence and counsels of his fellow-men.

• CHARLES W. RAND.

As junior partner in the firm of Wyman & Rand, Mr. Rand was numbered among the best-known younger business men of this section of the West, and was regarded as one destined to attain a high plane of usefulness and distinction. A native of Burlington, he was a member of a pioneer family of this city, his parents having settled here as early as 1839. The date of his birth was Feb. 12, 1855, and he was the son of Hon. E. D. and Carrie (Sherfey) Rand. Charles W. Rand received an unusually thorough and fitting preparation during his early years for the duties of the brilliant career which he subsequently achieved. After completing a course in the public schools of Burlington, he entered the high

schools of the city, completed the work of the curriculum, and was graduated; thence passed to a Business College, of Burlington, where he pursued a course of study lasting two years; and, as the final phase of his apprenticeship, went to Chicago and took employment with the famous commercial house of Marshall Field & Company. There he remained for a period of five years, familiarizing himself with the actual details of commercial method and practice, and at the expiration of that time in 1879, he became the partner of Mr. Wyman in the wholesale and retail carpet and furniture business. This enterprise had at that time attained the annual volume of \$150,000, and under the name of the Wyman-Rand Carpet Company maintained branch houses at Keokuk and Ottumwa, Iowa, and Carthage, Ill., thus constituting one of the chief commercial institutions of Burlington.

Mr. Rand's business activities were always extensive, and he was instrumental in the incorporation in May, 1886, of the Northwestern Manufacturing Company, of Burlington, with a working capital of \$26,000 and a surplus of \$14,000, employing an average of one hundred and ten workers throughout the year, and having an annual output of \$100,000 worth of stock. Of this company he was president, and he was also president of the Rand & Leopold Desk Company, its successor; while in addition he was identified with the Duncan & Schell Furniture Company, of Keokuk, the Wyman & Rand Carpet Company, of Keokuk, and was a member of the Keokuk Mercantile Association, which erected the building occupied by the last two firms. This is one of the finest business blocks of Keokuk, and the plans for the structure were the personal work of Mr. Rand. He was connected with

various local corporations, being a director of the National State Bank and of the company owning the Burlington Opera House. In Chicago, on Sept. 4, 1886, he wedded Miss Lilian C. Higgins, who was born at Mendota, Ill., a daughter of Hiram Higgins, of Chicago, and to them were born three children, who survive, Eldridge D., Charles W., and Lilian. Mrs. Rand now resides with her father, who has a palatial home in Los Angeles, Cal. Mr. Rand gave his political allegiance to the Republican party, but he was a broad-minded student of public affairs, and as such was rather independent in his modes of thought. To him the truths of Christianity appealed in their spiritual and humanitarian aspects, and he devoted much time and money to the work of the Congregational church, of which he was a member and which he served in the office of trustee. He was a man generally beloved by those who knew him intimately, and he won the regard of all by the nobility of his character—by his strength, uprightness, great ability, which made him eminently successful in the inception and conduct of gigantic enterprises, and for his thoroughly philanthropic spirit. He died March 6, 1900.

JOHN VOGELGESANG.

HIGH in the honorable roll of names which represent the early settlers of Des Moines county, Iowa, stands that of John Vogelgesang, greatly esteemed for those traits of character which have made him a successful farmer and business man, and an ideal citizen. Mr. Vogelgesang, who resided on his fine farm of one hundred and

sixty acres in Section 20, Burlington township, was born in Germany, June 9, 1833, and there received his education in the public schools; but believing that greater opportunities for self-advancement awaited the young and ambitious man in the New World across the Atlantic, he early decided to leave his native land and seek his fortune in America. Pursuant to this project, in March, 1852, when he was only twenty years of age, he took passage in an old-time sailing vessel, and after a long and tedious voyage of forty-three days' duration, landed at the port of New Orleans, whence he proceeded up the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers to Cincinnati.

As the beginning of his new and independent career, he there entered the employ of a gardener, engaging in that work for the space of one year, at the end of which time he resolved to push farther westward, and traveling again by way of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers, ascended the latter stream to Burlington, Iowa, where for a time he was employed as a day laborer, while looking about for more suitable work. Later he learned the trade of coopering, in which he thenceforth engaged continuously for about eighteen years, with much profit; but he then decided to seek a wider field of labor, and rented a farm in Burlington township, engaging in agriculture for some years, at the expiration of which time he was enabled, as a result of his previous frugality, care, and industry, to purchase a farm of one hundred fifty-five acres just north of his present residence, for a dairy site—in which he immediately launched his spare capital. From this venture he received very gratifying returns, as he always maintained a large and fine herd, and in a short time built up an extensive and



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MRS. ELIZABETH VOGELGESANG.

profitable business. On that farm he had his home for about ten years, and then purchased an adjoining ten acres on which he erected his present residence, a large and handsome stone structure, for which the material was quarried by Mr. Vogelgesang on his own farm, and which is known as one of the finest dwelling houses in Burlington township. Here he resided until his death, which occurred on May 29, 1905, beloved by all who knew him.

The parents of Mr. Vogelgesang emigrated to America about one year after his own coming, and located in the city of Burlington, where they conducted a boarding-house. The father, John Vogelgesang, was drowned in the Mississippi River while returning from a visit to his daughter, and this sad occurrence was followed, about a year later, by the death of the mother, who was unable to recover from the shock of her husband's untimely end, and whose grief was rendered especially bitter by the fact that the body was never recovered.

Our subject was twice married, his first wife being Miss Mary Mossfield, a native of Germany, and to them were born three children, as follows: Mary, wife of Adolph Schaenar, now conducting a soda-bottling works in Burlington; John, who died at three years of age; and Minnie, who died when but six weeks old, and at whose birth the mother's death occurred. All the deceased are buried in the Catholic cemetery, at Burlington.

In 1865 Mr. Vogelgesang wedded, as his second wife, Miss Elizabeth Wiedmann, who was born in Germany, and in 1851, when in the eighth year of her age, came to America in company with her grandmother, her father having previously emigrated to this country. To Mr. and Mrs. Vogelge-

sang have been born six children, all of whom are living, as follows: Herman, who is a farmer of Henry county, married Miss Ellen Stratman, and has three children, Walter, Ada M., and Emma; Theodore, who is an expressman, residing in Burlington, Iowa, married Miss Fredric Hagenber, and has two sons, Arthur and Ralph; Lewis, residing in Burlington, has three daughters, Mabel, Bertha, and baby unnamed; Paulina, now the wife of Charles Meller, a farmer of Burlington township, has four children, Gertie, Rachel, Mark, and Hilda; John E., who resides with his mother; and Otilia, also at home. All these children were born in Burlington township, and here have received the inestimable advantage of excellent education and home training, and have always taken a prominent place in the social circles of the community. Mr. Vogelgesang was, in fact, able to give his children a better and more thorough equipment for the work of life than he himself enjoyed at the beginning of his long and useful career. A believer in modern ideas, he was ever actuated by the most progressive principles, and the success he attained is ample proof of the wisdom of his course. A member of the Catholic church, he contributed liberally to the support of the cause of religion, while his interest in public affairs and the welfare of his adopted country and of future generations made him a member of the great Democratic party, in whose doctrines he was a consistent believer. Honorable his course always was, and fair the name he left to his children, for he is a man whose every act bore the stamp of uprightness and strictest honesty, and his reward is the profound respect and high regard of his fellow-men. We present the portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Vogelgesang.

SIMEON RUSSELL.

IN the history of Simeon Russell there is much that should serve to inspire and encourage young men, for his record proves that success is not a matter of genius nor the outcome of fortunate circumstances, but may be gained through strong determination, ambition, and earnest labor. Practical industry, wisely and vigorously applied, never fails of success; it carries a man onward and upward, brings out his individual character, and acts as a powerful stimulus to the efforts of others.

The greatest results of life are usually obtained by simple means and the exercise of the ordinary qualities of common sense and perseverance. The every-day life, with its cares, necessities, and duties, affords ample opportunities for acquiring experience of the best kind, and its most beaten paths provide a true worker with abundant scope for effort and for self-improvement. It was along such lines that Mr. Russell won a place of prominence in business circles. It is, therefore, with pleasure that we present to our readers his life history, for he well deserves mention among the representative men that in the past days or at the present time have been closely connected with the business development of Des Moines county.

Simeon Russell, son of Christopher and Jane (Bowman) Russell was born Jan. 25, 1825, in New Castle county, Delaware. His parents were natives of Pickering, Yorkshire, England, coming to Delaware in early pioneer times and locating on a farm. They were the parents of seven sons, six of whom grew to manhood:

Christopher; John; Robert; William; Stephen, who died when a babe, and was buried at sea; Thomas; and Simeon, of this review, who is the sole survivor of all these brothers. Christopher Russell, father of these sons, was called to his final home April 12, 1847, at the age of sixty-eight years, his wife preceding him to the unknown world many years, dying in 1826, when Simeon was but one year of age. They are both buried in Newport, Delaware.

Mr. Russell spent his boyhood days with his father on the farm, attending school at the Richardson district school. But his school days were of short duration, and his education has been largely derived from extensive reading and the daily experiences of life. Being blessed with an extraordinary memory, he possesses a rare mind equaled by few.

In 1841 he went to Maysville, Mason county, Ky., and though but sixteen years of age, he began to learn the trade of a bricklayer. He spent four years in learning this trade with his oldest brother, at whose home he resided. In the fall of 1845, he returned to Delaware, where he worked at his trade till March 5, 1849, when he went to Cincinnati, Ohio. After a year's residence there, he went again to Maysville, Ky., and in the spring of 1851 he decided to come West, and chose Burlington as the scene of his future home.

At this time the North Hill school, which was the first public schoolhouse in Burlington, was under erection, and it was upon this building that Mr. Russell did his first day's work in Burlington; and two days after he began to work his employer recognized his ability as a skilled mechanic by paying him twenty-

five cents a day more than any other journeyman. The following spring, he began contracting for himself, and has erected many of the finest buildings in the city. He built the South Hill school in 1852; the South Boundary in 1861; the Germania in 1866; the Hibernia, now known as the Washington, in 1875; the Prospect in 1879; and superintended the building of the Saunderson and the present Sunnyside in 1891. In 1855, the Cumberland Presbyterian church was erected under his guidance and direction, and St. Paul's church the following year. Many residences have been built by him, and, in fact, in no direction can one look without seeing grand buildings which stand as testimonials of his skill and labor.

During the last year or two that Mr. Russell was in active business, Mr. Frank Orm, now deceased, was in partnership with him. They erected the German Bank block in 1885 and a number of other buildings. In addition to the above, when brick paving was first introduced in the city of Burlington on Jefferson Street from Main Street west to Seventh, Mr. Russell was chosen by the city engineer to superintend the same.

He was not only one of the best mechanics in the State, where his rare ability and sound judgment were recognized by all, but he was a man who was exceedingly careful in everything he undertook. It certainly must be a great satisfaction to him to know that in all the forty years he was in active business he never had an accident befall any of the hundreds of men in his employ. He thoroughly believed that what was worth doing at all was worth doing well, and many of the prominent business men of

the city to-day point with pride to the fact that they began their business career by working for Simeon Russell.

He has always taken a great interest in all movements or enterprises that would be of substantial benefit to the city or the community at large. We know of no one who has taken more interest in educational lines, firmly advocating that a good practical education is the best legacy that a parent can give to his children.

Sept. 19, 1854, Mr. Russell and Miss Elizabeth Whitaker were married, at the home of her parents, on the "borders of Canaan" township, Henry county, Iowa. The Reverend Henry Wilbur, of Mount Pleasant, Iowa, performed the ceremony. Mrs. Russell is a daughter of George and Jane (Wood) Whitaker, and was born in Leeds, Yorkshire, England, Nov. 23, 1832. Her father was born in Armley, near Leeds, Yorkshire, England, Nov. 20, 1808, and her mother was born in Wortley, Leeds, Yorkshire, England, July 31, 1808. They came to America in 1849, coming by the way of New York in one of the old-style sailing vessels known as the "Fidelia," which made the trip in twenty-eight days. They settled first in Cincinnati, Ohio, but did not remain long, coming to Burlington, Iowa, March 3, 1850. In England, Mr. Whitaker was a white-smith and bellhanger, which trade he followed for a number of years after coming to Burlington. Later he bought a large farm in Henry county, where he lived till 1857, when he and Mrs. Whitaker took the three younger children and made a trip to the land of their birth.

They remained in England about a year and a half, when they again returned to Burlington, and purchased a farm in

Franklin township, where he was engaged in general farming till 1867, when he sold his place and moved to the city, and took up his residence at 1013 South Fifth Street. A few years after coming to the city to live, he retired from active business.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitaker were married when only a little over seventeen years of age, and became the parents of nine children, who all grew to maturity but one: Angela, died in England; James, passed away in Burlington; Elizabeth, wife of Simeon Russell, of this review; Joseph, died in Arkansas; Mary Jane, died in Burlington; William, a resident of Jefferson county, Iowa; Emma, died when a babe in England; Sarah, resides in Odessa, Mo.; George F., one of the oldest conductors on the Wabash Railroad, with headquarters in Detroit, Mich.

Mr. Whitaker died at his home very suddenly, March 26, 1887, being in his seventy-ninth year. His good wife, who had been his faithful companion in life for over sixty-one years, was separated from him but four short weeks when she too was called home. Her death occurred at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Simeon Russell, April 23, 1887, and she was also in her seventy-ninth year. They sleep the sleep that knows no waking 'neath the shady trees in Aspen Grove cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell have been blessed with seven children: Angela, who died on her first birthday, Sept. 12, 1856; George S., married Miss Mary Mulligan, of Chicago, Jan. 23, 1883, and they have five children, who were all born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, but the oldest, George S., Jr., was born in Burlington, Iowa, at the home of his grandparents, Oct. 17, 1883;

Emma Louise, born July 19, 1885; Corinne A., born Oct. 2, 1888; Hortense E., born Sept. 17, 1891; Mary NaDeane, born Aug. 22, 1893.

George S. Russell and family reside in Memphis, Tenn., where Mr. Russell is general manager of the Standard Car Record Company and also chief clerk in the freight department of the Illinois Central Railroad. Emma J., the third child, resides at home with her parents; William C., is train dispatcher on the Great Northern Railroad, and lives in Breckenridge, Minn. He married Miss Sarah Russell, of Volo, Lake county, Ill., Sept. 19, 1888. They have four children: Edith Virginia, born in Burlington, Iowa, Sept. 4, 1889; William C., Jr., born in Detroit, Minn., Feb. 21, 1897; Frank A., born in Proctorknott, Minn., May 27, 1900; Alice Lucile, born in Livingston, Mont., April 10, 1903. Clara E., the fourth child was one of the most capable teachers in the city schools of Burlington for many years; S. Lillian, the youngest daughter, is a successful teacher in the South Hill school, in her home city; John Byron died Sept. 8, 1872, aged thirteen months.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell spared no pains to give all of their children good and substantial educations, and all but William are graduates of the Burlington high school. William virtually took the course, but quit just before the year closed. George S. is also a graduate of the Baptist College, and was a student in Mr. Graff's and Professor Gordon's schools.

Politically, Mr. Russell is a Democrat of the old school, and though never soliciting office, his skill and qualifications won for him the position of city building

commissioner during the years of 1885 and 1886. While possessed of the courage of his convictions, he has the happy faculty of differing from one and yet not antagonizing his opponent.

Although our subject has been in very delicate health for over thirty years he is always cheerful and happy, loving to tell the younger people of "the good old times," and enjoying jokes to their fullest extent. Mr. Russell has been retired from active business for the past fifteen years and is spending the evening of his well-spent life at his pleasant home at 521 North Seventh Street, on which lot he and Mrs. Russell have lived for over fifty years.

Mrs. Russell is one of the oldest members, both in age and membership, of the First Baptist church, where her husband also attended in his younger days. Sept. 19, 1904, the golden wedding of this worthy couple was celebrated at the home place, when all the children (except William, who was detained on account of sickness) and five grandchildren gathered around the family board; and during the afternoon and evening two very pleasant informal receptions were held, when throngs of friends of the past and present, in all stations of life, called to extend congratulations and good-will on this rare and happy occasion accorded to but few. The success with which Mr. Russell has met in life is not all entirely due to his own efforts, for it can be truthfully said that man never possessed a better or more devoted helpmate. Her love for husband and children can be likened to nothing less than the love of Christ to fallen men. Wherever there are burdens to bear, she bears them, or sacrifices

to make, she makes them, performing deeds of love and charity and comforting hearts. She does not consider rest, ease, or toil, so long as she can minister to those she loves, and can lighten their burdens. Such a life spent in apparent obscurity, "far from the crowd's ignoble strife," is as beautiful as sunlight and sweeter than the dews of heaven. Mr. Russell has ever lived a life which has borne testimony to an honorable character, sterling purpose, and to upright principles. He has always done well whatever he undertook, and in all that goes to make up a strong and unfaltering manhood, worthy of the highest respect of his fellow-citizens, he "is every inch a man."

ORA JACKSON GOULD.

THE name which appears above is a familiar one in the business and social circles of Burlington, for he has been connected with the commercial life of the city for fifteen years. He has also appeared before large audiences on several occasions as a lecturer, in which capacity he has become very popular. He is a son of Archibald C. and Elizabeth (Parker) Gould, and was born in Crawford county, Illinois, Aug. 27, 1862. His ancestors were originally from Scotland, coming to America in early pioneer times and settling in Tennessee. His father, who was a farmer, and always followed this pursuit, was born in Maryville, Tenn., in 1835. His grandparents on his mother's side were natives of Maryville, Tenn., going from there to Crawford county, Illinois, where his mother was born in 1844, and

who is now the oldest living relative of former president Andrew Jackson, making her home at Arkansas City, Kans.

After attending the public schools in Crawford county, Mr. Gould entered the De Pauw University, of Indiana, where he was a student for four years, obtaining a thorough education. In 1887 he began the life of a newspaper man, engaging first with the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*, and the *St. Louis Republican* for a year, and later reported for the *Daily Traveler*, in Arkansas City, for two years. About this time Mr. Gould entered upon the career of a humorous lecturer, engaging with the Slayton Lyceum Bureau, of Chicago, for a term of four years. It was during this time that he delivered his lecture on "Smiles" to one of the largest and most refined audiences ever gathered to listen to a lecture in Burlington, and who all expressed themselves well pleased with the speaker, and proud to claim him as a citizen of the Orchard City. Severing his connection with the Bureau, Mr. Gould took up a permanent residence in Burlington, and for the past twelve years has been engaged with Mr. Conrad Lutz in the printing business, being the proprietor of the Des Moines County Directory, which he has published every two years. He has also been associated in the land department of the Santa Fé Railroad under the management of the Southwestern Land Company since Feb. 19, 1904.

Mr. Gould was married Sept. 11, 1880, to Phoebe Z. Swan, daughter of John and Caroline (Bonar) Swan, her birth occurring in Henry county, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Gould are the parents of three children: Allen S., born in Arkansas City, Kans., July 26, 1890, a student in the pub-

lic schools; Helen Revelle, born Aug. 6, 1893; Howard Kennedy, born March 18, 1897. Mr. Gould and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church. Politically, our subject was reared in the Democratic faith, but he voted for McKinley and Roosevelt. Fraternally, he is a member of the Knights of Pythias in Burlington, and has held all the high offices in his lodge. He is also a member of the Woodmen of the World and of the Modern Woodmen of America.

His strong and upright manhood, his reliability in business transactions, his loyalty to the tenets of the different societies with which he is connected, all make a man whom to know is to respect and honor. Imbued with the progressive spirit of the West, he has advanced to a creditable position in social circles, and is none the less prominent in community affairs along fraternal and political lines.

J. KEN MATHEWS.

J. KEN MATHEWS, postmaster at Mediapolis, Iowa, is well known in financial circles, and his business and executive force have made him one of the representative citizens of this part of the county. He is a son of James and Mary Ellen (Barnard) Mathews, and was born in Martinsburg, Berkley county, W. Va., March 23, 1855. His ancestors on both sides were formerly from Wales. His parents both died in Martinsburg, W. Va., his father dying Aug. 1, 1888, at the age of seventy-one years, and his mother passing away in May, 1880, aged seventy years. This Virginia couple were the

parents of thirteen children: Anna M.; Wilber F.; Virginia B.; Florella A.; Sarah P.; Mary E.; Daniel H.; Matilda, who died in infancy; J. Ken, of this review; Lavinia C.; Francis A.; William and Charles both dying in infancy.

After taking a course of study in the common schools of Martinsburg, our subject worked in the grocery store of his father for a short time. His aspirations were to be a jeweler, and he apprenticed himself to this business for three years, being a part of this time in his native village and a part of the time in Cumberland and Frothburg, Md. At the expiration of this time he was a competent jeweler, and returned to his home place, entered a jewelry store and learned the mercantile part of the business, and remained for four years. He then became a traveling jeweler through Pennsylvania, with headquarters at New Bloomfield, Perry county, Pa.

After being on the road three years, and meeting with much success, Mr. Mathews located in Unadilla, in eastern Nebraska, where he established a business for himself, continuing in it four years. Selling out his store he moved to the western part of Nebraska, where he took up one hundred and sixty acres of land in Chase county. Also, in the village of Champion, he and Silas W. Kelly bought out a printing establishment, and began publishing a news sheet called the *Chase County Champion*. During the five years that they published this paper, Mr. Mathews was appointed postmaster under President Harrison, and held this office for two and a half years, his wife acting part of the time as his assistant. He now sold his printing interest to his

partner, and moved to Colorado Springs, Colo., and engaged in the commission and grocery business. At the end of one year he wound up his store in Colorado Springs and spent a number of months in traveling through the country. In 1892 he located in the city of Mediapolis, Iowa, where he was established in the jeweler's business, doing a prosperous business until 1899, when he sold his store to D. A. Dale. He is now postmaster of the city, having been appointed to this responsible position in 1897, and which appointment meets with the approval of the citizens of Mediapolis.

While living in Nebraska he joined the Knights of Pythias, later transferring his membership to Colorado Springs, and was again given a card of transfer when he left there that he now holds. Politically, he is a strong Republican, being elected by this party as a councilman and a member of the school board.

June 6, 1894, Mr. Mathews became the husband of Miss Margaret C. Davis, daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Adele Mary (Selders) Davis. The wedding took place in Stuttgart, Ark. Mrs. Mathews' father's family was also from Wales, and her mother's family was from Ireland. Her father in his younger days was a carpenter and contractor, but had always lived on a farm as a farmer until he was married. Mr. and Mrs. Davis are both living and reside in Iowa City, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Mathews are the parents of three children: Glenn Davis, born March 17, 1896; Mary Elizabeth, born May 2, 1899, and died at Iowa City, Iowa, July 30, 1905, from a severe surgical operation; and James Howard, born Dec. 26, 1901.

Mr. and Mrs. Mathews are devoted members of the Methodist church, where the former is an esteemed steward. They are both popular and influential people of Mediapolis, having a large circle of friends in the village and in other parts of the county. He is a man well versed on all the issues of the day, and one who has learned much from travels and experience, and has always lived the life of a just man.

JOHN WEBSTER GILBERT.

JOHN WEBSTER GILBERT, whose energy and genius for the promotion and conduct of extensive business interests left their impress upon the industrial and commercial life of Burlington, so directed his efforts as lumberman, manufacturer, and merchant that he is well entitled to the term "captain of industry." Throughout his entire business career he was connected with the lumber trade. His birth occurred near Louisville, Ky., Dec. 10, 1824, his parents being Samuel and Philotheta (Parker) Gilbert. When he was three years of age his parents removed to Prairie du Chien, Wis., and the father operated a saw-mill in the pineries at Menominee. The son acquired his education in the public schools of Prairie du Chien, and in his youth was much with his father, so that from early life he was more or less familiar with the lumber business. His education completed, he became his father's active assistant in the conduct of his lumber interests, and continued with him until his majority, when he became a pilot on the river, taking rafts down from the upper Mississippi to Burlington, St.

Louis, and other points. His work was an important part of the service in connection with lumbering at that day, for it was before the era of steamboat transportation.

In 1851 Mr. Gilbert located in Burlington, and established one of the first important lumber yards of this city, being associated with his brother, W. D. Gilbert, under the firm style of J. W. & W. D. Gilbert. The yard was located at the corner of Eighth and Jefferson Streets, where business has since been maintained, it being there conducted at the present time by Mr. Gilbert's son and his partners. It is so situated that the tracks of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad passed through at the time of the building of that line, thus affording splendid shipping facilities. The yard covers four city blocks, and was laid out by Mr. Gilbert, whose success from the beginning was uniform and rapid. At a later day the third brother, James Isham Gilbert, joined those already engaged in the lumber trade, and subsequently Thomas Hedge was admitted to a partnership, under the firm style of Gilbert, Hedge & Company. They then added to their plant a large planing-mill and sash, door, and interior-finishing plant, under the firm name of Nairn, Gillis & Company. Mr. Gilbert was prominently and actively identified with that business up to the time of his death, and it has since been continued under the same style, his son, S. P. Gilbert, representing the Gilbert interests. The lumber business enjoyed a continuous growth, expanding with the development of the city and surrounding country.

Mr. Gilbert was also identified with banking, being a director and the vice-president of the German American Bank. He contrib-



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uted in substantial measure for the establishment and conduct of new enterprises in the city, and was financially interested in the Glazebly Carriage Works, erecting the building for the plant. Other interests felt the stimulus of his co-operation and wise counsel. He was a supporter of the various railroad lines that have been extended through Burlington, and his firm was the builder of the well-known Gilbert Block, one of the substantial structures of the city.

On the 22d of March, 1853, John Webster Gilbert married Miss Harriet Holbrook, who was born in Columbia, near Hartford, Conn., a daughter of Silas and Mina (Little) Holbrook, a lady of natural refinement and culture, upon whom the passing of time has left but little trace. She is descended from early colonial ancestry, the original representatives of the Holbrook family in America having come from England in 1635, at which time settlement was made in Weymouth, Mass. Her grandfather, John Holbrook, was a resident of Columbia, Conn., and there Silas Holbrook was born and reared, his attention throughout his active business life being given to agricultural pursuits. The Littles were also of an early New England family. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert became the parents of four children, two of whom reached maturity, but James I. died in 1895. Samuel P. Gilbert is his father's successor in the lumber trade of Burlington.

Mr. Gilbert died Jan. 16, 1897. He was an attendant and supporter of the Congregational church, which called him to the office of trustee. His political allegiance was given to the Republican party, and he served as one of the early aldermen, and as street commissioner of Burlington, but in

later years the extent and importance of his business interests precluded the possibility of office-holding, even had he entertained political aspirations. His interest in Burlington and her welfare, however, never abated, and his co-operation in every movement for the general good proved a far-reaching and beneficial factor in her upbuilding and progress. His keen discernment and sagacity were manifest in the careful and conservative manner in which he conducted financial interests. Moving slowly and surely in every transaction, he had few superiors in the steady progress which invariably reaches its objective point. The story of his achievements from an unimportant position in business circles to a place of prominence and leadership, with an investigation into the methods that he followed, will inspire all who read it with a truer estimate of the value and sure rewards of character.

SAMUEL GILBERT.

SAMUEL GILBERT, of the firm of Gilbert, Hedge & Company, lumber dealers of Burlington, was born in this city, Nov. 25, 1863, a son of John Webster Gilbert, who is represented on another page of this work. Having mastered the common branches of learning in the city schools, he entered the State University at Iowa City, Iowa, from which he was graduated with the class of 1884, the degree of Bachelor of Arts being conferred upon him. Subsequently he pursued a business course, and then entered the employ of the Gilbert-Hedge Lumber Company. As his father advanced in years he more and more largely relieved him of

the active care and management of his extensive business interests, and for some years prior to his death represented him entirely in the business. The Gilbert-Hedge Lumber Company, which entered upon existence over a half century ago, was incorporated in 1900, at which time Samuel Gilbert was elected secretary and treasurer — his present connection with the corporation. He is also a director and a second vice-president of the German American Bank, thus succeeding his father in the latter institution as well.

Samuel Gilbert was married Oct. 30, 1891, to Miss Winifred Lewis, of Iowa City, and they have three children: Ruth P., Harriet H., and James I. The parents are members of the Congregational church, of which Mr. Gilbert is a trustee.

P. F. UNTERKIRCHER.

No history given in this volume illustrates more clearly the power of honesty, perseverance, and enterprise as resultant factors in the business world than does the life record of P. F. Unterkircher, deceased, who, coming to this country empty-handed, steadily worked his way upward until at his death he left behind him not only a handsome competence but also an unsullied record. He therefore commanded the unqualified respect of his fellow-citizens, while his many acts of benevolence and unostentatious generosity gained their love and admiration.

Mr. Unterkircher was born in Mezigen, Germany, Nov. 31, 1826, and died in Burlington, Aug. 31, 1893. He acquired such education as was afforded boys in the mid-

dle station of life in his native country at that day, and was afterward apprenticed to a weaver. When he had mastered the business, he followed it on his own account, meeting with success; but believing the New World would offer better business opportunities and surer reward for labor, he left the Fatherland when twenty-seven years of age, and landed at New York, whence he made his way to Clinton, Mich., where he began weaving. He soon left the loom, however, to engage in the tanning business, and in time became manager and afterward owner of the establishment in which he had at first been but a minor employee. While residing in Clinton he was married, in 1852, to Miss Philipina Johns.

In 1863 they removed to Des Moines county, Iowa, taking up their abode near Augusta and residing there for four years. Coming to Burlington in 1867, Mr. Unterkircher operated a brewery, which was later sold to the firm of Werthmueller & Ende, and is now conducted by Charles Ende, on Mount Pleasant Street. Mr. Unterkircher afterward engaged in the steam laundry business with George A. Duncan, conducting the first establishment of the kind in the city. In a few years he became interested in the livery business, purchasing the Stewart stables; and this business grew and prospered, so that in the course of time he was enabled to extend the scope of his business by adding an undertaking establishment. He remained owner of the livery and undertaking business until his death, although his sons became associated with him; and in his last years, when he was suffering from ill health, they largely controlled the business, although acting largely upon his advice and profiting much by his business sagacity and experience. Through

the careful conduct of his business interests, he was enabled to accumulate considerable property, and he left a large estate, the visible evidence of his life of intense and well-directed activity. His word was as good as his bond, his honesty in all business matters being proverbial. Throughout his entire life he progressed, because he was ever alert for opportunity for advancement, and utilized all such to the best possible ends.

In 1888 Mr. Unterkircher was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died that year in Burlington. They were the parents of twelve children. He survived his wife for about five years. He was a member of Harmonia Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Stephenson Lodge, Ancient Order of United Workmen; and the Iowa Grove Order of Druids. He was a man of most kindly spirit, generous in giving to the poor and needy, and yet entirely free from ostentation in his many benevolent acts. In fact he desired that none should know of his gifts. He was always interested in the welfare of the city, was the champion of many measures for the public good, and his support of progressive public measures caused him to be honored while he lived and occasioned deep and widespread regret at his death. At one time he served as alderman of Burlington. Seven years prior to his death he made a trip to Germany, both for the purpose of seeing his native land and also in the hope that his health might be improved. He visited several water cures, but received no permanent benefit; and he never recovered his former strength, although his fatal illness covered only a few weeks. No citizen that the Fatherland furnished to America was ever more respected in Bur-

lington or was more justly entitled to public regard, not only because of the success he achieved, but also by reason of the straightforward methods he employed, and his broad humanitarian spirit, manifest in kindly deeds.

F. L. UNTERKIRCHER.

F. L. UNTERKIRCHER, of the firm of F. L. & G. L. Unterkircher, liverymen and funeral directors, and also identified with other business interests which are bringing to him success, was born in Tecumseh, Mich., in 1856. His father, P. F. Unterkircher, was at one time a very prominent business man of Burlington, and the predecessor of the present firm in the livery and undertaking business. He died in this city, Aug. 31, 1893. The subject of this review is the eldest in a family of four sons and four daughters, the others being: Emma, the wife of Theodore Blaul, of the John Blaul Sons Wholesale Grocery Company, of Burlington; George L., a partner of F. L. Unterkircher, and the manager of the livery business; Ida, the wife of Clare Jordan, of Burlington; Nellie; Horace; and Blanche L.

F. L. Unterkircher pursued his education in the schools of Burlington, to which city he was brought by his parents in early boyhood, and after putting aside his textbooks he entered his father's employ. After the father's death he and his brother, George L., established their present extensive business as liverymen and funeral directors, F. L. Unterkircher having charge of the undertaking department. No finer nor more complete establishment of the

kind can be found in the State. Their building of three stories and basement contains a fine chapel with accommodations for two hundred people. The building is of Milwaukee brick, elegant in every particular, and they carry a very fine line of undertaking goods. The livery is also in this building, which has a frontage on Third and on Valley Streets. It was erected at a cost of thirty-five thousand dollars, and with the stock of undertakers' supplies, hearses, carriages, horses, and harness, the business represents an investment of sixty-five thousand dollars, without doubt the largest amount in a joint business of this kind in the State. Mr. Unterkircher is a graduate and registered embalmer, his certificate being the tenth issued in Iowa under the present law requiring examinations before the State board of health. It is almost needless to say that the business of F. L. & G. L. Unterkircher is one of the most extensive of its kind in Iowa.

F. L. Unterkircher is a director of the Business Commercial Exchange and of the Citizens' Bridge Company. He is also president of the General Agency Company, an adjunct of the German-American Equitation Premium Life Association, of which he is second vice-president and a director and stockholder. His business sagacity and enterprise have been manifest in the able handling of involved and important business conditions, and his methods, capable of bearing the closest investigation, have made him successful and prosperous.

Mr. Unterkircher is very prominent in fraternal circles, holding membership in Malta Lodge, No. 318, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Excelsior Lodge, No. 268, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Burlington Lodge, No. 84, Benevolent

Protective Order of Elks; Aerie No. 750, Fraternal Order of Eagles; Seminole Tribe, No. 46, Improved Order of Red Men; the Modern Woodmen of America; the Woodmen of the World; and the Knights of the Maccabees. He has passed through all the chairs of the Odd Fellows and Workmen lodges, and has represented the latter in the grand lodge. In his political views he is a stalwart Democrat, a leader in the local ranks of the party, and has served as a delegate to the State conventions, where his opinions have carried weight in the councils of the party. He served as county coroner for sixteen consecutive years, being elected on the Democratic ticket, without soliciting a vote, and his term expired in 1900.

On the 21st of October, 1879, Mr. Unterkircher was married, in Burlington, to Miss Amelia Meyer, who was born in Franklin, Iowa, a daughter of Dr. P. D. Meyer, an army physician, who died in the Civil War. His wife died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Unterkircher, in 1889, and was buried in Aspen Grove cemetery, while the father was buried in the National Soldiers' cemetery, at Lexington, Ky. The brothers and sisters of Mrs. Unterkircher are Charles G. Meyer, of Tiffin, Ohio; Philip Meyer, a resident of Stockton, Cal.; and Mrs. Lucinda Kauffman, of St. Louis. Mr. and Mrs. Unterkircher have two children, Alma and Delia. The former is a graduate of Mount St. Joseph's College, at Dubuque. She does most artistic pen and crayon work, and is also proficient on the piano. Mr. Unterkircher is prominent in business, social, and political circles, an enterprising business man, alert and progressive, whose efforts have touched the general interests of society and promoted the public good.

G. L. UNTERKIRCHER.

As the successor of his father, Mr. Unterkircher is the representative of one of the oldest and most successful business enterprises of Burlington, Iowa. At the present time he is a member of the livery and undertaking firm of F. L. & G. L. Unterkircher, located at the corner of Third and Valley Streets. He was born in this city May 10, 1863, a son of P. F. Unterkircher, a full sketch of whose career appears elsewhere in the present volume, and his preliminary education was in the public schools. This was followed by a thorough course of training in the Bryant & Stratton Business College of Burlington, and while still a boy he entered the work of his father's livery and undertaking establishment on Washington Street, being afterward taken into membership in the firm of P. F. Unterkircher & Sons, which was continued until the death of the senior member on Aug. 31, 1893. Thus he was reared in the business with which he has all his life been identified, and acquired that familiarity with its details which has been such an important factor in his success.

After the father's death Mr. Unterkircher and his brother, F. L. Unterkircher, leased the Washington Street business for a period of five years, the two other brothers, C. L. and H. O. Unterkircher, taking the Columbia barn on North Main Street. During the currency of this lease the firm of F. L. & G. L. Unterkircher erected the present building at Third and Valley Streets, taking possession in 1896. The building was constructed at a cost of \$65,000, and \$40,000 was invested in stock, \$35,000 of this amount being devoted to the purchase of livery stock and equipment, including fif-

teen closed carriages or opera coaches, two pall-bearers' wagons, twenty-five single rigs, two ambulances, four hearses, three undertaking wagons, one large brake or picnic wagon, five two-seat, extension-top carriages, two buckboards, two golf wagons, and sixty head of horses of exceptionally high grade. In connection with the undertaking service a large and artistically decorated chapel, with a seating capacity of two hundred, was built in 1902, an addition which has elicited much commendation from the public. In both livery and undertaking equipment this establishment takes rank with the best to be found anywhere in the Middle West. The building, which is of buff brick, consists of three stories and a basement, and every department is thoroughly complete and modern in all its appointments, all lighting, bell, and other apparatus being of the latest and most approved types. Mr. Unterkircher's brother has charge of the undertaking department, but he himself has the entire management of the immense livery business, and in addition he engages in the purchase and sale of horses on a large scale.

On Sept. 12, 1882, Mr. Unterkircher was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Keegan, a native of Burlington and of German parentage, and to this union has been born one child, a daughter, Grace, who was graduated from the Burlington high schools, finished her education at Mount St. Joseph's College, Dubuque, and is active in the musical circles of the city, being a member of the Burlington Musical Club. The family occupies a handsome residence at 807 North Third Street, built by Mr. Unterkircher in 1901, and situated on the bluffs overlooking the magnificent prospect of the Mississippi River.

Besides his more immediate business interests, our subject is a member of the board of directors of the German-American Equation Premium Life Association and is also a director of the German-American Agency Company. His social and fraternal relations are quite extensive, he being a member of seventeen societies, among which may be mentioned Harold Lodge, Independent Order Odd Fellows; Benevolent Protective Order of Elks; Iowa Camp, No. 98, Modern Woodmen of America; the Woodmen of the World; Burlington Tent, No. 87, Knights of the Maccabees; the Fraternal Order of Eagles; Burlington Turners' Society; the Schwabischer Society; the Des Moines County Sterbekasseverein; Lincoln Lodge, No. 125, Ancient Order United Workmen; Orchard City Club; Commercial Men's Exchange; and the Business Men's Club. He has long been a worker and influential member of the Democratic party, frequently serving as its local representative in the State conventions of Iowa and in other important capacities, and in 1899, in recognition of his loyalty and ability, he was nominated and elected to the office of coroner of Des Moines county, a position in which he served for four years, or until 1904, to the universal satisfaction and with great efficiency. He is a man gifted with keen discrimination and sound judgment in all matters of business, and has achieved a success in the conduct of the vast interests under his control that may well be admired, while at the same time he has won the general esteem by his fidelity to exalted principles of right and justice. He has the talent for making and keeping friends, and enjoys an extended circle of amicable relations.

CHARLES T. UNTERKIRCHER.

THE thriving city of Burlington is nothing if not progressive, and excellently representative of this tendency is Charles T. Unterkircher, of the firm of Unterkircher Brothers, proprietors of one of the most modern livery establishments in the State, of Iowa. Mr. Unterkircher is a native of Burlington, where he was born April 14, 1867, at the old family home, 313 Washington Street. This house, which is still standing and occupied by tenants, dates from the early days of Burlington's history, and in its construction were used some of the timbers from the scaffold on which were hanged the notorious Rogers brothers. Our subject is the son of P. F. Unterkircher, who, in the period before the construction of railways in this section, drove a stage from Burlington to Wapello, and from Burlington to Mount Pleasant, and also conducted a livery barn.

It was mainly in the public schools of his native city that Mr. Unterkircher received his formal training, he being educated in both the German and English languages and methods, and after leaving school was engaged with his father in the livery barn until his parent's death on Aug. 31, 1893. The livery barn was maintained on Washington Street, but about three months before the demise of the elder Unterkircher a new barn was completed at 506-8-10 North Main Street, and used as a boarding stable. In 1894 Mr. Unterkircher formed a partnership with his brother, H. O. Unterkircher, to conduct a general livery and boarding business at the latter location, and here they have ever since remained, building up a large, highly profitable, and ever-increasing patronage by means of care-

ful management, courtesy, sound judgment, and honest and upright dealing under all circumstances. The barn is a model of commodiousness and high-class equipment, being in dimensions 60 x 117½ feet, two and one-half stories in height, besides a large basement, all constructed of brick and stone, with every stall a box stall, 10 x 11 feet. The lights, elevators, alarm clocks, alarm bells, and call bells are operated exclusively by electricity, thus securing the maximum of safety and efficiency. Thirty buggies are maintained, as well as seven surreys and one golf wagon, while there are thirty-two head of horses, all of good stock and far above the average to be found in livery establishments, even in larger cities.

On Nov. 17, 1903, Mr. Unterkircher was united in marriage to Miss Mabel Reid, a daughter of Millard Reid, who is prominent as a contractor in this city, and is a brother of Captain Reid, well known as a veteran of the Civil War. Mrs. Unterkircher's parents reside at 863 Court Street, and she is one of a family of two brothers and four sisters, as follows: Frank and Harry Reid, both of Burlington; Mrs. Gertrude Hill, of Chicago; Mrs. Unterkircher, wife of our subject; Miss Ruth Reid, who is now a student in vocal music in Chicago; and Verna, who is at home with her parents, and is in the North Oak school. Mr. Millard Reid, as a contractor, has been the builder of many of the most handsome residences in the city of Burlington. Mr. and Mrs. Unterkircher occupy a very pleasant home at 931 Garden Street.

Mr. Unterkercher has had a variety of experiences, and has been uniformly successful in all he has undertaken. As a

young man he was for a year and a half employed in James Love's book store, and in January, 1899, while connected with his father's business interests, he became a licensed embalmer. He is well known in Democratic circles as a political worker, and for a period of two and one-half years served as assistant deputy county clerk under the administration of County Clerk C. P. De Hass. His course has ever been steadily upward, so that he has won the unqualified respect of his fellow-townsmen, and as a man and a citizen he enjoys a reputation and standing unsurpassed.

CHARLES HENRY HAIGHT.

CHARLES HENRY HAIGHT, deceased, was born in Des Moines county, near Kingston, in 1875. His parents were Henry and Margaret (Gibson) Haight. The Hights were among the earliest of English emigrants to come to America. They were Quakers, of Somersetshire, England, and came in their ship, the "Abigail," stopping first about ten miles from the place, afterward the site of Boston. But having a grant of land thirty miles long and twelve miles wide on the Hudson River, they afterward went to New York. In 1816 Cornelius Haight left New York, and in 1838 came to Iowa.

The Hights belonged to the gentry, and were, as their book of genealogy expresses it, "people of consequence," and had their coat of arms. Some ten years ago Mrs. Haight's home was destroyed by fire, and many relics of that first Haight family, brought from England, were burned. With them was an old Bible of King James's time, containing their rec-

ords for over two hundred years; but there was saved an old book of genealogy of the family, which contained the births and deaths for many generations back.

Margaret E. Haight's ancestors were from Virginia and Maryland. William Gibson, with his relatives, the Greggs, Willisess, and Shannons, came to Belmont county in 1806. Two of the Shannons were afterward governors; one, Wilson Shannon, was governor of Ohio. Later, in 1810, William Gibson removed to Columbus, Ohio, and here James Willis Gibson, the father of Mrs. Haight, grew to manhood, and in 1850, with his family, came to Iowa.

In 1872 Margaret E. Gibson was married to H. H. Haight, and three children were born to them: Martha Agnes, Charles Henry, and Jessie. Mr. Haight died in 1887, when Charles Henry was twelve years old. He was a bright and intelligent boy, and when a mere lad took the control of his mother's large farm, and managed it wisely and well. He was unusually fine looking; was six feet three inches tall, fair, with dark blue eyes and black, curling hair. He was the only and idolized son and brother, and here, in the beautiful home he had built for his mother, on Aug. 26, 1904, he passed away.

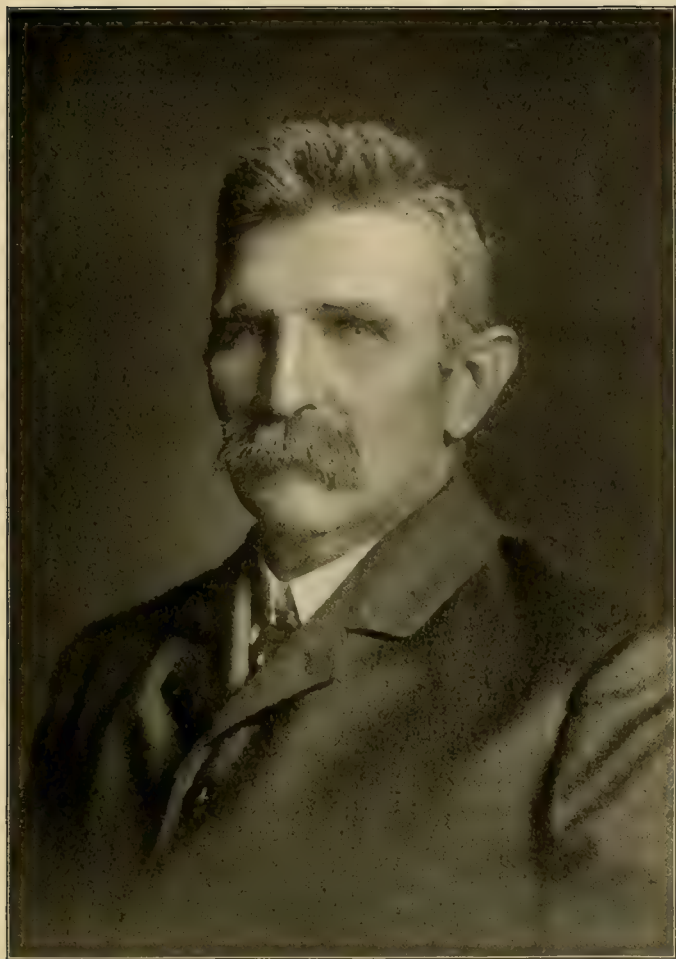
FRED WILHELM BAUER.

FRED WILHELM BAUER, subject of this sketch, a son of Frederick and Sophia (Derks) Bauer, was born in Seehausen, Germany, Feb. 16, 1853. He grew to manhood on his father's farm, attending the free schools of his birthplace till he was fourteen years old.

In 1872 he bade good-by to his native land, crossed the Atlantic, and took up his residence in Burlington, Iowa. He first worked in the lumber-yard, then at teaming, and later pulled lumber from the river for Gilbert & Rand for five years; after which he was employed for three years at Aspen Grove cemetery. In 1896 he bought the old Waite homestead, containing some eighty acres in Flint River township, and on March 1, 1905, added thirty-five more to it. Here he does general farming and gardening, has twelve cows, and he and his sons each have two horses.

Oct. 10, 1872, Mr. Bauer was married in Burlington to Miss Dora Elizabeth Heyer, daughter of Christ and Elizabeth (Moretz) Heyer, whose birth occurred in Beuster, Germany, March 30, 1852. When only twenty years old she left her home and friends, and came to America by way of New York, coming directly to Burlington, making the trip in three weeks, two of which were on the sea. Here she met her lover, and the wedding occurred two days after her arrival. By their marriage twelve children were born, nine of whom are living: Fred William, of St. Louis; Louisa Martha, married Max Yearner, of Dutchtown; William Fritz, of St. Louis; Carl George, a farmer of Des Moines county; Wilhelmina Louisa, of St. Louis; Frank, Velte, Elsie, and Arthur, all at home. The children who died are: Ernst Carl, born Feb. 3, 1882, died July 30, 1893; Paulina Mollie, born Sept. 20, 1883, died Oct. 29, 1884; Velte, born March 13, 1885, died April 20, 1886.

Mr. and Mrs. Bauer are members of the German Evangelical church. He is a



FRED WILHELM BAUER.

member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and held membership in a German secret society for twenty-three years, but has now dropped out. Politically, he is independent. In perusing this record we find that our subject commenced life without much financial aid, but by his business ability, energy, economy, and enterprise, he has steadily gained of the world's goods until now he has a comfortable competence, and in every relation of life, public or private, has borne the reputation of an upright man and a good and progressive citizen.

J. C. KOONZ.

J. C. Koonz, who conducts a locksmith and general repair business in Burlington, and who is one of the most prominent representatives of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Iowa, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, on the fourth of December, 1845. His father, John Koonz, a native of Germany, became a contractor and builder and was an especially fine workman. Many important contracts were awarded him, especially for the erection of churches. He married Anna Sauter, and in 1853 they completed arrangements to come to America. They were just on the eve of leaving Germany, in fact, the passage was engaged and the tickets obtained, when the father became ill. Six weeks later he died, at the comparatively early age of forty-seven. His wife carried out their original plan of immigrating to the New World, and settled at Greenfield, Mass., where she died at the age of eighty-seven years.

Mr. Koonz, of this review, was then only

about eight years old. He was for two years a student in the public schools of Greenfield, and he learned many valuable lessons in the school of experience and through reading and observation. There were five sons in the family, and the mother was left in limited financial circumstances at the time of her husband's death. Those still living are Martin, a resident of Shelburne Falls, Mass., and John, who resides in Greenfield, Mass.

J. C. Koonz, the youngest of the family, entered the employ of J. Russell in cutlery works at Greenfield, Mass., being apprenticed at the age of ten. He remained in that establishment until 1872, working his way upward from the position of errand boy at twenty-five cents per day until he was entrusted with most delicate work, the sawing of ivory. To that task he devoted his attention for ten years, making handles from elephant tusks which were worth from three to six dollars a pound. He was the only one employed at that difficult work, the expensiveness of the material being such that the work was entrusted only to an expert. On leaving that position he was receiving a salary of about five dollars per day.

Removing from Greenfield to Holyoke, Mass., Mr. Koonz there became superintendent of the cutlery works of F. R. Chapman & Co. His thorough and comprehensive knowledge of the business enabled him capably to fill any position connected therewith. He possesses marked mechanical ingenuity, and from his boyhood has been able to perform in excellent manner in the line of mechanical construction. He continued with the Holyoke Company as superintendent until 1879, when he came to Iowa, settling at Ottumwa, where, with two

nephews, he opened an establishment of his own for the purpose of manufacturing table cutlery. The business was carried on under the name of the Ottumwa Cutlery Company, Mr. Koonz being associated with it until 1881, when he sold out and removed to Burlington. Here he established a corporation known as the Burlington Cutlery Company, capitalized for fifteen thousand dollars. Mr. Koonz was one of the leading stockholders and the superintendent, and during the last few years of the existence of the company was secretary and treasurer. The business was conducted successfully until the fall of 1884, when it was closed on account of the free tariff schedule under the Wilson's free trade bill. He had fifteen thousand dollars invested in the plant, and employment was furnished to between eighty and one hundred girls, boys, and men, but the shops had to be closed down, and they lost all of the stock, for they could not meet the competition of foreign-made goods. In that year Mr. Koonz opened a general repair shop, which he is still conducting. He is an expert safe opener and has done all such work in Burlington for years. He now has a locksmith and general repair establishment at 208 North Main Street.

In 1868 in Greenfield, Mass., Mr. Koonz was married to Miss Christina Class, a native of Germany, whence she was brought to America in 1846 when a year old. They have two sons, Edward George and Clarence Arthur. The former married Flora M. Norling and resides on Garfield Avenue in Burlington. He is credit manager and secretary for John Blaul & Sons, wholesale grocers. He has one son, Edward Clarence. Clarence Arthur Koonz, who married Mary Selzer, and has a son,

John Charles, is living at Sioux City, Iowa, being assistant manager of the wholesale grocery house of Warfield, Pratt & Howell. Both sons are graduates of the high school and a business college of Burlington. Mr. and Mrs. Koonz reside at the corner of Eighth and Angular Streets, and the hospitality of their home is greatly enjoyed by many friends who esteem them highly for their sterling traits of character.

For about a third of a century Mr. Koonz has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having joined Pocomtuck Lodge, No 67, of the jurisdiction of Massachusetts at Greenfield in 1872. The same fall he became identified with the encampment, and passed through the chairs in both bodies in about two years. He was made a member of the grand lodge and of the grand encampment at Boston in 1876, and attended its sessions until 1879, or until he left Massachusetts for Iowa. He has devoted much time and effort to Odd Fellowship and belongs to no other organization. He is now identified with Washington Lodge, No 1, at Burlington, and has held every office in the subordinate lodge, and all in the grand lodge except that of grand treasurer. He is now a member of Eureka Encampment, No. 2, at Burlington, and was representative to grand lodge at Dubuque from Burlington in 1885. He has attended each session of the grand lodge since 1881, but only four times as a delegate. He was elected grand junior warden of the grand encampment in 1887; in 1888 was elected grand senior warden; in 1889, grand high priest, and in 1890, grand patriarch. He was for two years elected from the grand encampment as grand representative to the sovereign grand lodge, at Chattanooga in 1895, at Atlantic

City, N. J., in 1896. He was appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of grand secretary caused by the death of William Garrett, who had filled that position for forty-two years. Mr. Koonz served from February, 1895, until October of the same year. In that year he was elected grand warden and in 1896 was elected deputy grand master, while in 1897 and 1898 he was grand master. He served for two years in the sovereign grand lodge as grand representative from the grand lodge, attending the sessions at Richmond, Va., in 1899, and Indianapolis, Ind., in 1900. This is a record in Odd Fellowship that is, perhaps, equaled by no other member of the order. He was extremely active in securing, at the Dubuque session of the grand lodge, the meeting of the grand lodge for Burlington at the following session, beating Des Moines by two votes on the second ballot. At this time he became known as a worker, and by acting as assistant to William Garret he also won renown in the order. He has a wide acquaintance in Odd Fellowship throughout the entire country, and is one of its most prominent and respected representatives.

His political allegiance is given to the Republican party. He is a member of the Episcopal church, and at one time served as vestryman for several years.

WINFIELD SCOTT WOTRING.

WINFIELD SCOTT WOTRING, who for thirty-seven years has been connected with the Burlington postoffice, employed therein continuously since 1873, is now superintendent of carriers and also of the money-order department. Under different admin-

istrations he has been retained in the office, his ability and fidelity causing his retention, while his obliging manner and unfailing promptness are the causes of his popularity with postmasters and public.

Mr. Wotring was born in Licking county, Ohio, July 14, 1847. His father, Abraham Wotring, was a native of Pennsylvania, as was also his grandfather. His birth occurred in 1821, and in early life he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for many years. Removing to Burlington, he was identified with the building interests of this city for many years, and at his death, which occurred in 1885, he left a comfortable home at 723 North Eighth Street. He was married in Ohio to Miss Jane Chrissinger, also a native of Pennsylvania, who survived him until 1890, and was then laid to rest by his side in Aspen Grove cemetery. They were faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church. In their family were three children: William, who died in Burlington, at the age of twelve years; Winfield S., of this review; and Melissa, widow of George Quinby, who for many years was engaged in the wholesale music trade in Burlington, and afterward lived retired in Monmouth, Ill. There his death occurred, and Mrs. Quinby is yet living in Monmouth.

It was in 1848 that the parents removed with their family from Ohio to Burlington, and Winfield S. Wotring, then but one year old, was educated in the public schools here, in Elliott's Seminary (a Methodist Episcopal school), the Baptist College, and Bryant & Stratton's Business College, of Chicago. During the Civil War, when the soldiers were being transported from Burlington to Chicago, Mr. Wotring, then fifteen years of age, acted as a newsboy on the trains, selling papers and fruit to the en-

listed men who were going to the front. He desired to enlist also, but his father opposed this, because of his youth, and after going with the soldiers to Cairo, Ill., he returned home. He then entered the postoffice, in 1861, under Postmaster James Fox Abraham, as assistant mailing clerk, and served for two years, when he resigned to accept a clerkship in the office of Leo Carper, superintendent of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. At that time all freight was transferred across the river by ferry, for the bridge was not then built, and Mr. Wotring's duty was to check and keep record of all such transfers; but he was wanted again in the postoffice, and was urged to return. Finally consenting, he was made mailing clerk. Thomas French succeeded Mr. Abraham in the postoffice, remaining there for six months, and retained Mr. Wotring in his service. C. Dunham was then made postmaster, and Mr. Wotring remained for one year under President Grant's administration, when he resigned his position in the postoffice and joined his brother-in-law, George Quinby, in the conduct of a wholesale music business, under the name of Quinby's Musical Emporium, on Main Street. Mr. Wotring was associated with this for three years, and in 1870 and 1871 was engaged in the grocery business on the corner of Eighth and South Streets as a member of the firm of Quinby & Wotring.

In 1873 he was appointed by Postmaster N. P. Sunderland to the position of registry clerk, and when Frank Hatton succeeded to the position of postmaster, he was promoted to the position of superintendent of the money-order department. When J. L. Waite became postmaster, he retained Mr. Wotring in that position, and also made

him superintendent of carriers, a position which he has since filled under the successive administrations of Postmasters Waite, Hutchinson, Martin, Curran, and Waite. He has remained in the office continuously since 1873, while the entire service which he has rendered in connection with the Burlington postoffice covers thirty-seven years. This fact alone is a commentary concerning the character of the service he has rendered.

On the 17th of March, 1870, Mr. Wotring was married to Miss Sarah J. Acres, a daughter of Stephen T. Acres, of the firm of Acres, Blackman & Company, of Burlington. Mr. Wotring was for two years vice-president of the Acres-Blackman Company, and after the death of Mr. Acres he was made a trustee of the Acres estate, in connection with his brother-in-law, William Pilger.

Mr. and Mrs. Wotring are the parents of three children: George Q., who for five years has been in the office of the Crane Company, of Chicago; Walter S., a student of mechanical engineering in Burlington; and Clarence A., who is attending Elliott's Business College, of this city. The family home is at 723 North Eighth Street, an eleven-room residence, which has been rebuilt by Mr. Wotring and is now a most comfortable and attractive dwelling, where hospitality reigns supreme. In politics he is a Republican, and he belongs to the Orchard City Hunting and Fishing Club. Both he and his wife are members of the First Methodist Episcopal church, and Mrs. Wotring belongs to the King's Daughters. Long residents of Burlington, they have a wide and favorable acquaintance, and the circle of their friends has grown year by year.

JOSEPH KLEIN.

FOR many years Mr. Klein was well known to the people of Burlington, making many friends and being very successful in a business way. He was a native of Prussia, where he was born Jan. 6, 1832, and when only ten years of age became an orphan by the death of his mother, after which sad event he was compelled to rely largely upon his own efforts for his support. In 1854 he came to America in company with his father, and first took employment in a stone quarry; but he was ambitious to better his condition, and in the year 1869 he established himself in the grocery business at the corner of Oak and Osborn Streets, where he achieved great success by his natural business ability and by care, industry, and tact. In his first location he continued throughout his active career, conducting the business for a period of eighteen years, at the expiration of which he retired, and took up his residence at 1313 Osborn Street, where his widow still resides. There he died Dec. 20, 1888, and was buried in the Catholic cemetery, much lamented by all who knew him and respected by all. He was a faithful member of St. John's Catholic church, and was connected with the various German societies of this city, while his political allegiance was given to the Democratic party.

On Nov. 4, 1858, Mr. Klein wedded, in Burlington, Miss Magdalene Pauly, who was born in Baden, April 13, 1840, and to them were born six children, who still survive, these being as follows: Mrs. Philip Leicht; Mrs. John Wehman; Mrs. Michael Weicher; Joseph Anton; John, engaged in the grocery business at 818 Maple Street, in partnership with his brother-in-law,

W. H. Tegtmeier, under the firm name of Tegtmeier & Klein; Minnie, wife of Mr. Tegtmeier; and Henry, who is a clerk in the employ of Strauss Brothers.

Mrs. Klein emigrated from her native land to the United States in 1855 in company with her parents, embarking at Havre on a sailing vessel, and landing at New Orleans after a voyage of thirty-eight days' duration. Both her parents are now deceased, as are also her brothers and sisters, of whom there were twelve, all of whom died young. Mrs. Klein has witnessed many important changes brought about by the development of the city since her first coming to Burlington, and recalls especially that upon her arrival there were no sidewalks on Jefferson Street extending farther west than Fourth Street. For the first two years she resided on Jefferson Street, but for forty-five years she has resided on Osborn Street. She has extensive property interests here, being the owner of three brick and three frame dwelling houses and one three-story building in the Grimes block, from which and from other sources she enjoys an ample income. She has many friends, and finds much pleasure in social intercourse.

JOHN P. WEIS.

JOHN P. WEIS, whose business establishment ranks among the oldest and most successful of its kind in Burlington, and who, himself a musician of ability, has done much to promote the progress and popularizing of that art in his adopted city, was born at Hollsfreid Kolmar Lan, Sweden, May 31, 1854, a son of A. P. and A. Louisa Weis. The parents of Mr. Weis were both

natives of Sweden, and both passed their entire lives in that country. The father, who, though making his home at Hollsfried, was a contractor and builder, and conducted his business in all the large cities of Sweden, died about 1890, and the mother when our subject was but ten weeks of age. Both were members of the Lutheran church.

Mr. Weis's father provided for him the opportunity to obtain a good education in the public schools, of which he took the fullest advantage, and afterward, at the age of fourteen years, entered a mechanical school, where he passed several years with great profit. In consideration and recognition of his progress at school and evident practical ability, he was promoted, in his nineteenth year, to the foremanship of a large factory in his native city, a position whose responsibilities he discharged with success for a period of two years. Thus his prospects in Sweden were of the best, but believing that greater freedom of activity awaited him in America, he emigrated hither in 1877, landing at Philadelphia and proceeding to Andover, Henry county, Ill., where he immediately began taking and executing building contracts. In that manner he was there employed for three years, accumulating a considerable capital and meantime learning the language of the country. In 1880 he removed to Galesburg and entered the service of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company in the finishing department of the shops. While there he wedded, in March, 1882, Miss Caroline Sophia Nelson, who, like himself, had been born in Sweden and emigrated to America, locating in Galesburg.

The date of Mr. Weis's removal to Burlington was May, 1884. Here he first en-

gaged in contracting and building, erecting many of the finest residences and other edifices of the city, among which may be mentioned the residences of Henry H. Brown, Arthur Churchill, Charles Waldin, and at Riverview Park that of Henry N. Eastman, besides many others; also the remodeling of the German Methodist Episcopal church and the First Baptist church, Washington Street, for which he did all the finishing and carpentering work. As an employer of labor his pay-roll was large, and he continued in the contracting business on an extensive scale for twelve years. In 1895 he established a musical business, occupying the property at 711 Jefferson Street, where he carried a large line of pianos, organs, violins, and other stringed instruments and general supplies. In more recent years he has added one of the best line of phonographs to be found anywhere in this section of the West, and by giving especial attention to this department has built up a large patronage. Mr. Weis is not uninterested in public affairs, for indeed he has devoted to them much study, and is in his political alliance a member of the Republican party, in whose tenets he holds stanch faith; but he has always applied himself to private business rather than to partisan activity, never failing, however, to cast his ballot in favor of pure government.

To Mr. and Mrs. Weis have been born four children, who survive: Eleanor, who was educated in Burlington high schools, has had musical training since her eighth year, has taught music since she was fifteen years of age, and enjoys an enviable reputation as a pianist; Reynold, now in high school, also enjoyed the privileges of musical instruction after becoming eight years of age, and now at the age of fifteen has

been giving lessons on the violin for two years, having at the present time a class of fifteen pupils; Helmer, aged twelve, is yet in the public school; Enfried, aged seven, is a fine vocalist, having sung on several occasions in the opera house, and received the praise of many competent critics. Mr. Weis has built a beautiful home at 1110 Bartlett Street, where he has resided during the past twenty years, and is surrounded by an accomplished and happy family, an atmosphere of music and esthetic pleasure. He is himself a natural musician, has cultivated his talent to a high degree of perfection, and is consequently well qualified for the conduct of such a business as that in which he is engaged. In this he has always been very successful, acquiring a generous competency and the means for developing in his children the talent which he has transmitted to them in such a marked degree. He is well known in Burlington and surrounding cities, and his home is a center of culture and friendship.

ROBERT COURTNEY WADDLE.

ROBERT COURTNEY WADDLE, horticulturist, and secretary of the Des Moines County Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company, is also well and widely known by reason of the fact that for about thirty years he has served as county surveyor. He is now living on Section 12, Union township, engaged in the cultivation of fruit, and his well-directed business efforts are bringing to him very desirable success. He is a native son of this county, born in Huron township, Jan. 4, 1848, his parents being John and Mary Ann (Howery) Waddle.

They were natives of Ohio, were married in Yellow Springs township, Des Moines county, and for many years lived in Huron township. It was in 1839 that John Waddle came to Iowa and purchased land near Northfield. After a few years he sold this and bought near Kossuth, making his home upon this farm until a few months prior to his death, when he sold his property. He died in Yellow Springs township, March 10, 1894, at the age of seventy-seven years, and his wife died in the same township, Feb. 26, 1891, at the age of sixty-four years. Both were buried in Old Round Prairie cemetery. They were members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Waddle was an old-line Whig in early life, while later he became a supporter of the Republican party, and filled a number of township offices with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents.

Robert C. Waddle, the third in order of birth in a family of ten children, all of whom reached mature years, was educated in the district schools of his township, and assisted his father upon the home farm until about the time he attained his majority. He then learned surveying, which he has followed to a greater or less extent all his life. During the greater part of the time for the past thirty years he has served as county surveyor, rendering acceptable service in that position, as is indicated by the fact that he has long been retained in the office.

In 1877 Mr. Waddle was married to Miss Agnes Hannum, a native of Washington county, Iowa. They have never had any children of their own, but reared the two sons of Mrs. Waddle's brother, Carl A. and Harry Hays Hannum, whose mother died when the younger was only a few

weeks old. The year following his marriage Mr. Waddle purchased his present farm of thirty acres, which is devoted to the raising of fruit. He now has one thousand apple trees, three hundred and fifty pear trees, and one hundred plum trees, besides considerable small fruit. In selecting his fruit trees, he is particular to get those varieties which are noted for flavor as well as size, and because of the high grade of his products, he finds a ready sale on the market for all he raises.

Mr. Waddle exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party, and is unfaltering in his advocacy of its principles. Upon the death of Mr. C. M. Garman, in April, 1903, he was appointed secretary of the Des Moines County Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and has since acted in that capacity. His wife is a member of the United Presbyterian church, and he attends its services and contributes to its support. He is a self-made man, whose financial advantages in youth were few, but who has through the careful husbanding of his resources, his unfaltering perseverance and diligence, met with a fair measure of success.

JOSEPH A. LLOYD.

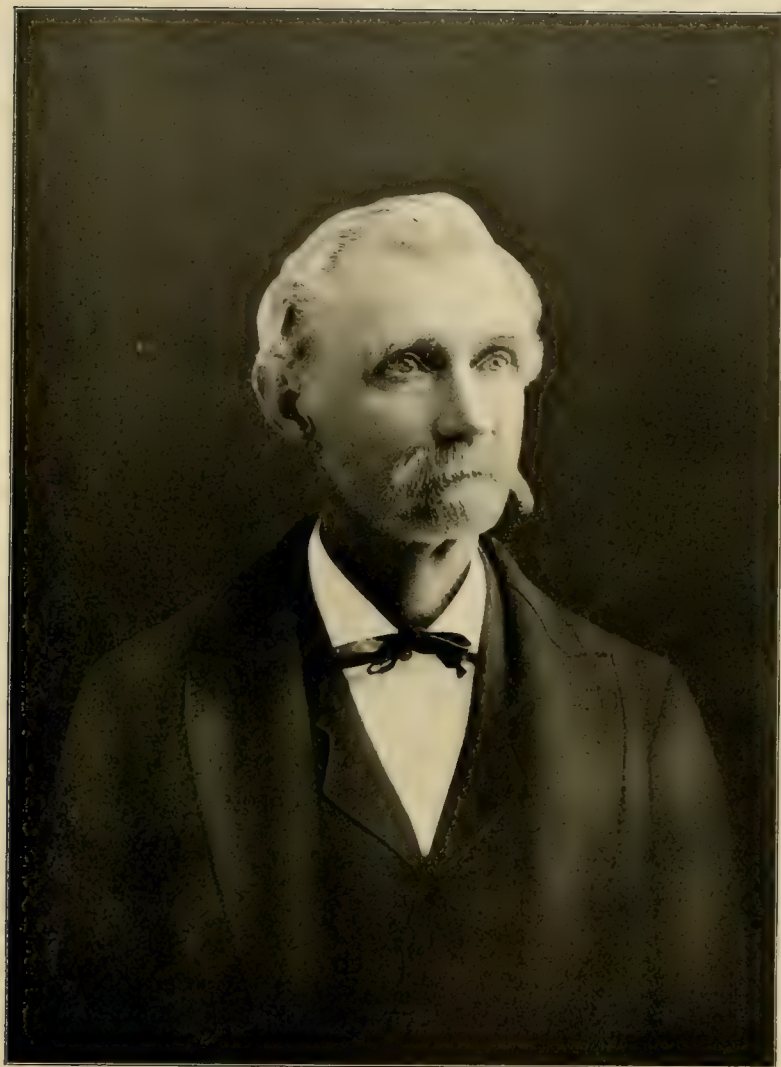
ANY work which has for its object the philosophical exposition of the history of a community, with a view to its adoption by the present or future generations as a guide or an inspiration in the daily affairs of life, must in a large measure deal with the origins of that society, with the primeval condition of the land, and with the careers and characters of the men and

women who, urged by the stimulus of some supreme conviction, waged war with hostile nature, pushed back her borders, and reclaimed her hitherto wild and untamed forces to the uses and purposes of civilization.

Of the well-known pioneer families that made Des Moines county what it is to-day,—one of the richest agricultural sections of the Mississippi valley,—Joseph A. Lloyd is a worthy representative, and a record of his life, showing the relation in which he stood to the early development of Iowa, will be valuable as illustrating man's power over environment, as an example of high achievement through noble and inflexible resolve.

Joseph A. Lloyd was born in Dearborn county, Indiana, near the city of Cincinnati, March 6, 1826, the son of William H. and Nancy (Shaw) Lloyd. The father and mother were both natives of the State of Ohio, the father being born near Lebanon, Ohio. Nine children were born to them, of whom three are still living. In 1834 the family came to Iowa, Joseph being at that time about fourteen years of age. There was no land sold west of the Mississippi River to any one previous to this family's purchase. They settled first in Lee county, where the father operated a farm in Green Bay township. After farming there for a few years, they moved to Des Moines county, but he never engaged in active life after coming to Des Moines county. He died in 1840, at the age of about seventy years.

Farm life in Des Moines county at that time was a very different matter from that with which we are familiar to-day. The early pioneers had to settle down to a long fight with the wilderness,—a fight



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which was to issue in such splendid triumph in later years, and whose object was to secure "the glorious privilege of being independent." Theirs was a life of many cares, and was necessarily much concerned with the acquirement of worldly wealth; not because they considered material benefits as the highest good in life, but because they saw that these might be made the means to spiritual ends, and that the successful tiller of the soil has the strength to resist the march of wrong and to help forward the cause of right.

Joseph A. Lloyd obtained his early education in the common schools of Lee county, and worked on the home farm till he was about twenty-one years of age. He then began working for himself by working by the month on farms in the neighborhood, doing this until the breaking out of the Civil War. Then the call of his country in her time of need sounded clearly to him.

He enlisted in 1863, in Company C, of the Thirtieth Infantry Volunteers, and served till the end of the war. He was engaged in a number of the more important battles of the war, as well as many skirmishes. He was at the siege of Vicksburg, and during the fight was wounded in the wrist. While on the march to the sea with Sherman, he received another wound, in the battle at Resaca, this wound being in the shoulder, and being of such a serious nature that he was left there in the hospital. When the long, cruel conflict was over, and the citizen soldiers were dispersed to their homes, Mr. Lloyd received his discharge at Davenport, Iowa, and came to Des Moines county.

Here he located on a farm in Franklin township, where he purchased eighty acres of land, and made a home. To this farm he added, from time to time, until he owned one hundred and twenty acres of fertile farming land, besides some timber. There he engaged in general farming and stock-raising until 1900, when he retired from active life, and moved into Mediapolis. In that city he has erected a large and beautiful home, in which he is content to pass the evening of his life in peace and quiet, and leave the struggle to others, knowing that he has borne his share through the heat of the day, has faithfully fulfilled all the duties that have devolved upon him, and has earned the rest that he is now enjoying.

Mr. Lloyd was married on Oct. 18, 1871, to Miss Sarah Haynes, a native of Des Moines county, being born in Franklin township, and the daughter of Gardner and Sarah (Porter) Haynes. The father was born Feb. 11, 1816, in Dutchess county, New York, and came to Iowa at an early age, locating in Franklin township, this county, and engaging in farming. He was very successful, and became a farmer on a large scale, and well known in the county. He died on the home place, Jan. 25, 1897, at the age of eighty-one years. The mother was also a native of Dutchess county, New York, and died on the home place in Franklin township, Nov. 1, 1891, at the age of seventy-four years. She was one of a family of five children, four of whom are still living. Mrs. Lloyd received her education in the common schools of the community, and remained in the home community till the time of her marriage.

Politically, Mr. Lloyd acted with the

Republican party, and is one of its highly valued members in his township, possessing much influence in its councils, using his influence in accordance with the purest dictates of integrity and honor. He and his wife attend and support the Presbyterian church, doing much by the influence of their lives to advance the cause of right. The keynote of Mr. Lloyd's life and character is integrity and fidelity to his obligations in all his relations with his fellow-men, and such has been the strict uprightness and unswerving directness of his course that to him all accord admiration, respect, and genuine regard. He has a wide acquaintance, and to write the chronicle of his life, his work, and his success is a pleasure which will be shared, as readers, by many friends, whose esteem he has won in full and generous measure.

REVEREND WILLIAM VANCE.

THE world passed favorable judgment upon the life of Reverend William Vance, for there were many elements in his character which commanded for him universal confidence and esteem. The place which he occupied in the regard of those with whom he came in contact was a tribute to that genuine worth and true nobleness of character which are everywhere recognized and honored. He accepted life as one long course of spiritual warfare, and to him was vouchsafed a great victory over the forces of evil because of his conscientious use of great natural gifts, and because of his infinite, unfaltering trust in a Higher Power.

William Vance was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, Feb. 14, 1821, the son of Joshua and Elizabeth (Murphy) Vance. The father, Joshua Vance, was a farmer by occupation, but died when his son William was quite small, and from that time on William Vance lived with his maternal grandfather Murphy, who was also a farmer. He received a good common-school education, and learned the carpenter's trade.

At the age of seventeen years he was converted, and became a member of the Church of God; and being of a thoughtful turn of mind and having a devout nature, he was strongly impressed by the idea that his field of labor lay in the Christian ministry. By the time he had reached the age of twenty-two years he was licensed to preach, and followed that as his profession throughout the remainder of his life.

He was married in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, Dec. 24, 1841, to Miss Fannie Leighty. She was also a native of Westmoreland county, being born May 11, 1821, the daughter of Peter and Nancy (Myers) Leighty. She was reared on a farm and received a fair common-school education. Her religious training was in the Church of God. In the spring of 1850 Mr. and Mrs. Vance left Pennsylvania, and came to Iowa. A company of seven families loaded their goods on a boat, floated down the Ohio, and came by steamer up the Mississippi to Burlington. For a time they lived in Harmony Settlement, southwest of Danville. Later they moved to Doddsville, and lived there twelve years on a farm. Reverend Vance kept up his preaching and let his family carry on farming. To them were born eight children, of whom six are still living. The eldest, Mary Ann, died single. Peter now

lives near Sperry, Iowa, and a complete sketch of his life appears elsewhere in this volume. Marion was married to Miss Mary Landers, and died in Danville township, in 1880, leaving one son, Ross, who now has his residence in Ottumwa, Iowa. Maria is the wife of Walter Bishop, of Pleasant Grove township. Henry married Miss Martha Anderson, and now has his home in Henry county, Iowa. Samantha married William P. Denny, who died Dec. 9, 1904, leaving two children, Fannie and James. Alice is the wife of Roll Moore, of Danville township. Edward was united in marriage to Miss Mary Blodgett, and lives in Pleasant Grove township.

Reverend Vance came to Iowa with but little, but both he and his family were good managers and thrifty in their ways of living, so that when he left the farm he was the owner of one hundred sixty-five acres of good land. After leaving the farm he moved to New London, where he lived for eight years. After that he came to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Denny, where he made his home until the time of his death, which occurred about two months after he came there to live.

Reverend Vance was a Republican in his political beliefs, but was in no sense a politician, feeling that he could advance the cause of good citizenship more by the example of an upright life than he could by entering the turmoil of party strife. His lamented death occurred Feb. 26, 1904, and his remains are interred in Burge cemetery, New London. For more than fifty years he labored faithfully as a minister of the gospel, and his social, kindly nature endeared him to hosts of friends. Though he has passed away, yet his memory is cherished by those with whom he came in contact. He left his

impress for good upon all who knew his high Christian character. His career was one long benediction, and the bright example of his life shall be an inspiration to lead the coming generations to higher things. The world is better because he lived.

PETER VANCE.

PETER VANCE, whose residence in Des Moines county dates from 1850, is a son of William and Fannie (Leighty) Vance, and was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, on Oct. 12, 1844. About six years later his parents started with their family from the Keystone State to Des Moines county, Iowa, making the journey by boat down the Ohio River from Pittsburg, and up the Mississippi to Burlington. A settlement was then made in Danville township, where the father worked at the carpenter's trade for a number of years, and in 1853 he purchased land in Franklin township. Soon afterward, however, he sold this tract and returned to Danville township, where he spent his remaining days, with the exception of a few years passed in New London. Through a long period he actively and successfully carried on agricultural pursuits, and his life was characterized by honorable dealing and indefatigable energy. He died in Danville township, Feb. 26, 1904, at the ripe old age of eighty-three years, his birth having occurred Feb. 14, 1821. He had three children when he brought his family to the West, and here he reared a family of eight children.

As before stated, Peter Vance was in his sixth year when he accompanied his parents to Iowa, and in Des Moines county he was

reared, acquiring his education in the public schools. In his youth he assisted his father upon the home farm until he entered military service. At the time of the Civil War he responded to the country's call for aid, enlisting in 1862, at Doddsville, Iowa, as a member of Company G, Thirty-ninth Iowa Infantry. He was mustered in at Davenport, and participated in various battles in western Tennessee, and went from Chattanooga to Atlanta, and thence to the coast under command of General Sherman on his famous march to the sea. He took part in the battle of Allatoona Pass, one of the most fiercely contested engagements of the war. It was from this battle that the message was signalled at the time that the song, "Hold the Fort," was written. Mr. Vance continued to serve his country until 1865, having marched with Sherman through North and South Carolina, and participated in the grand review at Washington, the most celebrated military pageant ever seen in the western hemisphere. Here he was mustered out in June, 1865, and honorably discharged at Clinton, Iowa. With a creditable military record he returned to his home, and he now maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in Shepard Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Mediapolis.

Throughout his entire life Mr. Vance has devoted his energies to farming and stock-raising, which he is now successfully carrying on. He first purchased land about 1890, becoming owner of forty acres on Section 12, Franklin township, to which he has added from time to time until his possessions now aggregate one hundred and ninety acres, a part of which lies in Benton township.

On March 6, 1879, Mr. Vance was married to Miss Eliza Haynes, a daughter of

Gardner and Sarah (Porter) Haynes. They are the parents of six children: Edgar, Elsie, William Gardner, Walter, Burton, and Sadie, all at home. Mr. Vance is a member of the Masonic lodge at Mediapolis. In politics he is a stalwart Republican, standing firmly by the party which was the champion of the Union cause in the dark days of the Civil War, and has ever stood for progress and improvement. He is, however, without political aspiration, and has ever given his undivided attention to his business interests, in which he has met with gratifying success.

STEPHEN CARTWRIGHT.

STEPHEN CARTWRIGHT, for many years a successful farmer, and now living retired at 311 South Garfield Avenue, Burlington, is numbered among Iowa's native sons, having been born July 29, 1848, in Augusta township, Des Moines county, the son of William F. Cartwright, a native of Delaware, who came to Iowa in 1839, and died when our subject was but nine years of age. Mr. Cartwright's mother died when he was only five years old, and his father remarried. The elder Cartwright, who was a farmer, became quite wealthy, owning at the time of his death four fine farms.

The subject of this review passed his first years on his father's farm, receiving his education in Winnebago School District No. 2, so called from a tribe or band of Indians who formerly roamed the woods in that neighborhood. The original frame school building has since been displaced by a fine stone residence, opposite which stands Asbury Chapel, the place of worship for the local congregation of the Methodist

Episcopal church. Mr. Cartwright is one of a family of nine brothers and sisters, as follows: H. W., of Burlington; Susan, widow of Robert Lynn, deceased, of Mount Pleasant; Eliza, who resides with Susan at Mount Pleasant; Lydia, wife of James Hankins, of Agency, Iowa; Fannie, wife of James Castile, of Pierce county, Nebr.; Stephen, our subject, and William, of Ottumwa, Iowa, are twins; Sarah Jane, wife of Oscar Bryson, of Villisca, Iowa; and Rachel, wife of James Short, of Henry county, Iowa.

Remaining at home until attaining his majority, Mr. Cartwright then rented land and farmed for a time in Henry county, then returned to Des Moines county, and after his marriage in 1873, bought land in Flint River township. After remaining there a year, he sold that farm, rented land for a time, and again purchased land, this being ninety acres in Union township, which he still owns. Since acquiring the original tract in 1876, he has constantly added to it until at one time he owned two hundred and sixty acres, but has since sold a portion to his son, and the farm now consists of one hundred and seventy-five acres of fertile and extremely productive agricultural lands in a high state of cultivation, one hundred and twenty-five acres of which is prairie land. He has introduced modern methods into its operation, and made many improvements of the first order of excellence, including a two-story frame house twenty-two by twenty-eight feet, with an addition sixteen by twenty-four feet, and a barn thirty-six by forty feet. Besides general farming, he has given much attention to raising and feeding thoroughbred stock, especially Shorthorn cattle and Poland-China hogs, with which he has always been successful

to a very gratifying degree. Among the notable features of the farm is a magnificent artesian well that is the envy of all who have been privileged to see it. In the year 1887, in the effort to get good water during the drought, Mr. Cartwright put down the well, digging twenty-six feet and boring seventeen feet, at which depth he struck a vein of flowing water which runs constantly and is apparently inexhaustible. A modern and complete system of piping carries the water to the desired points. The water is somewhat mineral, containing iron, sulphur, salt, and magnesium, and as it is the only well of the kind in the township, or indeed anywhere near, its discovery created great excitement, and led many others to attempt to strike the same vein, but all these attempts have been failures.

Dec. 31, 1873, in Asbury Chapel, Mr. Cartwright was united in marriage to Miss Margaret L. Blakeway, who was born in Des Moines county in 1857, the daughter of John C. and Priscilla Blakeway. Her parents, who were reared in Virginia, were married in Palmyra, Mo., and the father died Feb. 19, 1902, in his seventy-sixth year, while the mother's demise occurred Jan. 22, 1900, in the seventy-second year of her age. They are survived by nine children, these being in the order of birth as follows: William Dement, of Stockton, Cal.; Elizabeth Eleanor, widow of Nathan Colby, of Burlington; Margaret Louisa, Mrs. Cartwright; Alice Emily, wife of Peter Magel, of Union township; Edward Emmett, of Danville, Iowa; Thomas Ulysses, of Kansas; John Carson of Augusta township, Des Moines county; Frank, of Burlington; and Hattie Jane, wife of Harry Bolan, of St. Louis, Mo.

To Mr. and Mrs. Cartwright have been

born one son and two daughters, to all of whom they have given the best of educational preparation for life, combined with ideal home and religious training. John Wesley, the eldest, resides on a farm near Leavenworth, Kans. He married Miss Almina Hensley, and they have four children, Clay Whitford, Helen Lucile, Margaret Florence, and Harold Wesley. Abbie May, the second child, is a graduate of Elliott's Business College, of Burlington, but gives her principal attention to music, for which she has a decided talent, having received frequent encouragement from recognized masters of the art. Alice Maud is the wife of Estile Egan, a farmer near Hamilton, Ill., and they have two children, Margaret Gertrude, and Alice Eveline.

Mr. Cartwright has always been interested in questions of government, and has consistently cast his ballot in favor of good government as a member of the Republican party, and although he has never sought public office, has at various times consented to serve his neighbors and friends as director of the public schools, and also for several years as road supervisor, doing much to promote the cause of good highways in his district. The higher interests of mankind have been for him an unceasing study and field of endeavor, and while living on the farm he was member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Asbury Chapel, to the building of which he was a liberal and generous contributor. For five years he held the office of steward of the church, and his part in the work of the Sunday-school was ever an active and helpful one. In October, 1903, when he removed to Burlington and purchased the pleasant and commodious home on Garfield Avenue which he now occupies, he transferred his

membership to the First Methodist Episcopal church of Burlington. A man of marked strength of character, Mr. Cartwright has fairly won the success which he now enjoys by his individual efforts, and throughout his entire career he has preserved that exalted sense of justice and the rights of others which springs from his innate integrity, uprightness, and scrupulous honesty. These unbending virtues of his character have won him the well-merited respect of all, while his genial and social disposition have brought him a wide acquaintance and many friends, and it may with truth be said that his life is one of the highest types of success in every sense of the word, embodying, as it does, prosperity both material and spiritual, and finding its culmination in the secure and undying possession of an honored and honorable name.

CHARLES WESLEY WAITE.

THERE is probably no one among the traveling men of the Mississippi valley who is more favorably known and respected than the subject of this review. He has been on the road practically all his life, and by his energy, ability, and courtesy has achieved success and made a host of friends all along the line.

Charles Waite is a son of Benjamin Franklin and Mary Jane (Curtis) Waite, and was born in Dayton, Ohio, March 1, 1849. His father was born in West Rushville, Ohio, in 1818, where he received his education and was reared to manhood. He went to Dayton at an early day, and went into the dry-goods business, where he continued to be a prosperous merchant

till he retired. Politically, he was a Republican, but never really aspired to office, though his ability and good judgment placed him on the school board for a number of years, and during the war he was the trusted officer to distribute money to the widows and orphans.

From childhood Mr. Waite had been raised in the Methodist faith, and was one of the most devoted members of this church, always taking much interest in the Sunday-school work, where he was superintendent for many years. He was also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His death occurred in Dayton, Ohio, in 1890, in the seventy-third year of his age. He had assisted in many ways to make the city a prosperous and thriving one, and his death was mourned by all who knew him, as his influence had ever been for good, and will be long felt after his very name shall have passed out of the minds of men.

Mrs. Waite, mother of our subject, was born in Perth Amboy, a city on the coast of New Jersey, and when very young went to Dayton with her parents, where she grew to womanhood, and where she was married. She, too, was an earnest member of the Methodist church, and was a woman of much refinement and culture, who took rare delight in doing good for others. In 1871 she passed away in the city of Dayton, which had been her beloved home for so many years; and there in the beautiful cemetery, in the shade of the trees, she and her husband are buried.

Of the eight children born to this worthy couple, six grew to maturity: (1) Benjamin T., died in Indianapolis, Ind., in 1885; (2) Caroline, married the

Rev. James H. Gardner, a Methodist minister of Delaware, Ohio, and has two daughters, both married. (3) Amelia E., has been married twice. Her first husband was a Mr. Sweet. They were the parents of one son, Frank W. Sweet, who made his home with his uncle, the subject of this review, in 1888, and attended the schools in Burlington. During 1888 the Rev. G. J. Johnson held a revival in Burlington, and Mrs. Sweet's son was among the converts. He was baptized by Dr. Johnson, March 25, 1888, and is now a prominent Baptist minister in Adrian, Mich. After Mr. Sweet died, his widow later married Albert J. Williamson, of Piqua, Ohio, who is now deceased, and Mrs. Williamson now makes her home with her son, Rev. Frank W. Sweet. (4) Charles Wesley, our subject. (5) Anna Eliza, the wife of Charles S. Sullivan, who is a book merchant in Dayton, Ohio. (6) Sarah Josephine, married Robert Cunningham, who owns a book-store in Delaware, Ohio. Two died in infancy.

Mr. Waite received his education in the public schools of Dayton, where he was graduated from the high school. After he laid aside his text-books he clerked for several years in a store, where he soon learned the business. When about twenty-one years of age, he began to travel, and has virtually been on the road ever since in the employ of Eastern firms, being now with a Chicago company with a territory out of Chicago and headquarters in Burlington.

April 23, 1870, Mr. Waite married Miss Fannie A. David, who is a daughter of Barton T. and Frances Ann (Rosser) David, whose history will be found on another page of these sketches, in con-

nection with that of his son-in-law, Charles M. Garman. Mrs. Waite was born in the city of Burlington, Iowa, where she attended the common schools and grew to womanhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Waite have been blessed with six children as follows: Stella David, married Augustus R. Kuhlmeier, a mechanical engineer, resides in Chicago, and has one son, Charles A.; Carrie M., wife of John Clymo, an employee of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad; Charles Wesley, Jr., travels for the Wyeth Hardware Company, of St. Joe, Mo., and resides in Burlington; Louise Guest, at home with her parents; Ralph G., resides in Des Moines; one child died in infancy. The above-named children were all born and educated in Burlington.

In politics Mr. Waite has ever been an ardent Republican, giving his hearty support and influence to promote the best interest of his party. He has also followed in the footsteps of his father and grandfather in his religious views, having long been a member of the Methodist church. Mrs. Waite was raised a Baptist, but is now a member of the Methodist church. Mr. Waite has taken all the degrees in Masonry up to and including the 32d degree, being a member of the lodge, chapter, and commandery at Galesburg, and of the consistory and Kaaba Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Davenport. His trips take him from home a great deal, as he is gone three and four weeks at a time; but when he is in the city, enjoys the comforts of his pretty home at 902 Summer Street.

The business methods adopted by Mr. Waite have been of the very highest, and are largely the secret of his success and

prosperity. He is warm-hearted, possessing a genial manner and cordial disposition which have made him popular in both business and fraternal circles, and he is kindly welcomed in all places.

REV. WILLIAM F. COWLES, D. D.

REV. WILLIAM FLETCHER COWLES, deceased, who was one of the leading divines of the Methodist Episcopal church of Iowa, was born in McGrauville, N. Y., May 11, 1819, and died in Burlington, July 14, 1899, at the age of eighty years, two months, and three days. In the paternal line he was descended from the Puritans and Covenanters, while his ancestry in the maternal line was traced back to Richard Gardner, who came to America on the "Mayflower." His parents, however, were of the Methodist faith, and their home was always the place of entertainment for the itinerant minister who visited their neighborhood. Reared in a Christian atmosphere, the seeds of truth and of devotion to the church were early sown in the heart of William Fletcher Cowles, and in due time bore rich fruit. He was his father's companion, and learned from that godly man many valuable lessons. He attended all the church meetings with his father, and when twelve years of age was converted; and later, making confession of his faith, he joined the church, and from that time forward was actively engaged as a laborer in the Master's vineyard, although he did not at once ally himself with the ministry. The Rev. Peter G. Bridgman, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, at Grenville, N. Y., gave him a license to exhort, without his solicitation. This strengthened



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his conviction in the Christian religion and the plan of salvation; but he planned to be a good layman rather than a preacher, and as a preparation for a life vocation he entered upon the study of medicine, attending Cortland Academy, and occasionally engaging in teaching in the public schools, working at honest labor in order to acquire the funds necessary to complete his college education.

In July, 1841, the Rev. D. A. Shepherd, presiding elder of the Cortland district, gave him a license to preach, and this also came to him unsought. In a short time he went to Hudson, Ohio, where he engaged in teaching in the public schools. During the winter of 1841-42 a great religious revival swept over the country, and Rev. Cowles, active in the work, was appointed assistant pastor for the remainder of the year, and recommended to the Northern Ohio conference for admission; but that conference being overcrowded, he entered upon church work under the elder in the Michigan conference, and was admitted on probation in the fall of 1843, while in 1845 he was ordained deacon, and in 1848 was made elder by Bishop Janes.

During his ministry in Michigan, Rev. Cowles served as pastor of the Methodist churches in Ionia, Mapleton, and Grand Rapids. In 1850 he was transferred to the Missouri conference, and in 1851 to the Iowa conference, his first pastorate in this State being at Keokuk. In 1852 he was sent to Dubuque, and in 1853-54 he was in Burlington, during which time he built the Ebenezer church. In 1855 he went to Keokuk, and in 1856-57 was agent for the Iowa Wesleyan University. He served as presiding elder of the Oskaloosa district from 1858 until 1862; was pastor of the First Methodist church at Oskaloosa in

1863-64; of the First Methodist church of Ottumwa from 1865 to 1867; at Eddyville in 1868; Muscatine in 1869; the Main Street Methodist church, of Mount Pleasant, in 1870; presiding elder for the Muscatine district in 1871; and in 1872 was again appointed agent for the Iowa Wesleyan University. From 1873 until 1876 he was presiding elder of the Mount Pleasant district; was pastor of the Simpson church at Oskaloosa in 1877-78; at Grinnell in 1879; presiding elder of the Burlington district from 1880 until 1884; pastor of the Methodist church at Knoxville in 1885; at Albia in 1886; the Main Street Methodist church at Ottumwa in 1887; and in the fall of 1888 he took supernumerary relations, which he held until his death. The history of the church records his work, which, characterized by conscientious zeal and earnestness, was not denied the full harvest nor the aftermath.

Rev. Cowles led the delegation of Iowa to the general conference in 1872, this being the fourth time that the honor was conferred upon him, and he was alternate in 1876. He was a member of the board of trustees of the Iowa Wesleyan University from 1870 until his death, was president of the board from 1873 until 1878, and its vice-president during the two succeeding years. He was a member of the board of trustees of the Episcopal residence from 1881 to 1884, and preached the centenary sermon in 1885, while the preceding year he was a member of the committee on centennial commission. He was secretary of the State camp-ground meeting committee and also on the committee on conference boundaries and the committee appointed to unify the Methodist Colleges of Iowa. These committees, of which he was a member from 1878 until 1885, dealt

with many live questions. The history of the conference and university shows that he was well acquainted with parliamentary tactics, and that he solved many difficult problems which came before those bodies.

A man of scholarly attainments, he possessed also a large amount of that quality which we call common sense, and which is frequently lacking in the student. He was strong in debate, forceful in argument, logical in his deductions, and at the same time his utterance, his acts, and his very life were permeated with that spirit of sympathy which is one of the basic elements of Christianity. He was in touch with every department of the church work, and was especially friendly and helpful to the young men in the ministry and in the church. He kept informed on all the great questions of the day affecting our national honor and progress, and in antebellum days was a fearless advocate of the Abolition cause, advocating the freedom of the slaves at many of the leading meetings of his church and also at many great gatherings of a secular character. His clear, cogent reasoning and unanswerable arguments at camp-meetings and other places won hundreds of converts to the cause of liberty, and so excited the antagonism of the friends of slavery that his life was often in jeopardy. He was a coworker with such men as Senator Harlan, Senator Grimes, and other strong advocates of freedom. He was appointed by President Lincoln to the position of collector of internal revenue for what was then known as the fifth district of Iowa, with headquarters at Ottumwa, and thus served from 1865 until 1868.

Rev. Cowles was three times married. On the 18th of September, 1846, he was united in the holy bonds of matrimony with Miss Alexina Blanchard, of Lyons, Mich.,

and they became the parents of five children, of whom three are living: Elloura C., the wife of A. C. McColm, of Sheldon, Iowa; Eliza A.; and William B., of Omaha. The wife and mother died in 1855, and in 1857 Rev. Cowles wedded Miss Elizabeth LaMonte, of Keokuk, Iowa. They had four children, two living: LaMonte, of Burlington, represented elsewhere in this volume; and Gardner, of Des Moines, Iowa. Mrs. Elizabeth Cowles died in August, 1873, and in 1876 Rev. Cowles married Mrs. Martha Lovett Barnes, of Ottumwa, the mother of Dr. C. E. Barnes, of Burlington, with whom she resides on Summer Street.

After entering into supernumerary relations with the church, Rev. Cowles built a home at 707 Summer Street, Burlington, near the Grace Methodist Episcopal church, which was then under construction. He superintended its finances during its erection and up to the close of the last conference year. Many times the church was greatly embarrassed, but his counsel and heroic efforts rescued it from danger and distress, he frequently advancing large sums of money to meet emergencies. Full of years and honors he passed to his reward, the funeral services being held at his home July 17, 1899. The measure of good which he accomplished can not be taken until his labors cease their fruition in the lives of those whom he influenced. Tangible evidence of his work was seen in the substantial growth of the church and the educational institutions with which he was connected, and the record of those who became converts under his preaching can also be obtained; but this is but a poor estimate of his worth and work, for he planted the seeds of truth in many hearts, and each day the harvest is ripening.

JOHN J. FLEMING.

JOHN J. FLEMING, a leading real estate and loan agent of Burlington, also associated with other business interests of the city, so that his activity and the scope of his labors make him one of the leading residents here, was born at Donaldsville, La., March 19, 1851, his parents being Michael and Bridget (Maher) Fleming. The paternal grandfather, John Fleming, was a resident of Mitchellstown, in county Cork, Ireland, where he conducted a mercantile enterprise, and was also prominent in politics. He was known as a pacificator. He was also active in military affairs, serving as a lieutenant under the famous Daniel O'Connell, who shone as one of Ireland's bright political stars during the troublous period of 1798-99. This was just preceding the passage of the Act of 1800, whereby Ireland was deprived of the political rights which up to that time she had enjoyed. John Fleming died about 1823, when forty years of age. He left a comfortable property and a large family. Michael Fleming, the sixth in order of birth among seven children, was born in 1823, just prior to his father's death. In his youth he attended the common and national schools of Ireland, pursuing his studies until sixteen years of age, when he entered upon his business career as a clerk in the employ of the Hackett Distillery Company. He occupied that position for two years, after which he crossed the Atlantic to St. Johns, New Brunswick, where he started a repair shop, which he conducted for two years. He then went to Boston, Mass., where he entered the coffee and tea importing house of Appleton Brothers. A year later he went to New Orleans, where he followed the

cooper's trade, having his works at Donaldsonville, and using his own boats and barges to convey his product to the New Orleans market. His business grew to extensive proportions, and he employed about twenty-five men in its conduct. He there continued in business until 1858, when he came with his family to Burlington, Iowa. Here he continued in the cooperage business for a short time, after which he established a retail grocery. The business developing, he conducted a large grocery house on Jefferson Street, at the corner of Fifth Street, until about 1875, when he retired from business. He was for ten years subsequent to that time police magistrate of Burlington; was also justice of the peace. He was very fond of books, and was a well-read man. In his political affiliation he was a Democrat, taking an active interest in politics, and keeping well informed on the questions and issues of the day. His religious faith was that of the Catholic denomination, and he was active in church work, contributing liberally to its support, and doing all in his power to advance its cause. Strictly temperate, he was a man of high principles, conscientious in purpose, upright in action, and never faltering in the performance of any duty which devolved upon him. In his official service he was a terror to habitual criminals, for they knew that he would not exert clemency when justice demanded punishment. He was serving as magistrate at the time of the great railroad strike, and he did as much as any one man to keep the law-breakers from interfering with those who worked for the railroad company.

In 1850, at New Orleans, Michael Fleming was married to Miss Bridget Maher, a daughter of Kyran and Margaret (Carey)

Maher, who was born near Kilkenny, Ireland. Her father was a farmer, who had extensive landed holdings in that county, where he was well known and highly respected. He died at the age of sixty years, and his wife, surviving him, passed away when about seventy-five years of age. They were the parents of three sons and four daughters, and with one exception all of the children came to America; one son, however, still lives on the old homestead in the Emerald Isle. Mrs. Fleming came to America in 1849, and lived with her married sister in New Orleans until her marriage. She was born Feb. 29, 1824, and died April 14, 1900. She was very active in church and charitable work, and was greatly beloved by her children, making it the purpose of her life to promote the welfare and happiness of her children. She had a large circle of friends, and enjoyed the highest regard of all who knew her. Although about seventy-six years of age at the time of her death, she retained her youthful looks in a remarkable degree.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Fleming were born four sons and five daughters, all of whom reached years of maturity: John J. is the eldest. Daniel died in New Orleans about five years ago. Mary resides in St. Joseph, Mo. Elizabeth became a Sister of Charity, and died in Chicago in 1904. She had been mother superior in Iowa City; Kansas City, Mo.; in Lincoln, Ill.; Boulder, Colo.; Des Moines, Iowa; and in Chicago. She took a most helpful part in building up Catholic schools and in teaching boys, and was very prominent in the work to which she directed her efforts. Margaret became the wife of W. P. McDonald, of St. Joseph, Mo., a wholesale shoe merchant. Joanna and Agnes became members of the same order

to which their sister Elizabeth belonged. Edmund K. is commercial agent for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, at Chicago. William P. is bookkeeper in the National State Bank in Burlington. Michael Fleming, the father, died in February, 1904.

John J. Fleming pursued his early education in the public schools of Burlington, and continued his studies in Notre Dame University, putting aside his text-books at the age of eighteen years to enter upon his business career. He became a clerk for B. and H. D. Howard in their wholesale dry-goods business, and subsequently became bookkeeper for their successors, L. H. Dalhoff & Company, continuing with the two firms for three years. He then entered the office of the Burlington & Missouri Railroad Company as chief clerk and assistant paymaster, filling that position for two years, when he entered the National State Bank of Burlington, where he remained for twenty-seven years, acting as cashier during fifteen years of that time. In 1900 he resigned his position and took charge of the affairs of Mrs. E. D. Rand as her trustee, and likewise assumed the management of the property of Charles W. Rand, deceased, of whose will he was made executor. In connection therewith he makes loans and places investments. He is one of the directors of the National State Bank, and is one of the trustees and the treasurer of the Burlington free public library. He is president of the Burlington Construction Company, which erects buildings, also builds sewers and paves streets. This company has erected churches and schoolhouses, and has done much important work in connection with the improvement of the city. Mr. Fleming is likewise president of the Gran-

ite Brick Company, manufacturers of vitrified brick, and is a director of the Kelly Land and Fuel Company. In his political affiliation he has always been a Democrat, but has never sought or desired public office. He is a member of St. Paul's Catholic church, of which he is a strong supporter. He is a past grand knight of the Knights of Columbus, and is district deputy of that order, having charge of the councils of the order at Burlington, Fort Madison, Keokuk, and Ottumwa.

Mr. Fleming was married in May, 1884, at Parker, Penn., to Miss Mary Bracken, of that place, born Feb. 13, 1863, a daughter of Patrick and Esther M. Bracken. Her father was a contractor, and operated in Pennsylvania and Maryland extensively. He built all of the Western Maryland Railroad, and parts of the line now included within the Pennsylvania Railroad system. He afterward became an extensive oil operator in Pennsylvania. He died in 1892, his remains being interred at Oil City. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Miss Braden, is a representative of an old Revolutionary family, and a niece of ex-Governor Johnson of Pennsylvania. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Fleming have been born six children: Esther Marie is a graduate of Mount Aloysius Academy, Cresson, Pa., from which institution her mother was also graduated. Philip Bracken is a graduate of the Burlington high school. Agnes is a student at Mount Aloysius Academy. Elizabeth Pollard, Mary Braden, and John J., Jr., complete the family. Mrs. Fleming takes a very active part in church work, and for a long time was at the head of the reading circle connected with St. Paul's church, and is a member of the Ladies' Musical Club. She is actively interested in

literature, and her home is the center of a cultured society circle, in which she dispenses a gracious and cordial hospitality. Mr. Fleming belongs to the Burlington Boating Association, of which he was for years an officer, acting for three years as its president, and is also a member of the Burlington Golf Club. He is accounted one of the eminent residents of the city, prominent in its business, social, and church circles, and standing as a representative American, capable of planning and controlling extensive interests, and at the same time finding opportunity for other interests in life that lead to the development of a well-rounded character.

DR. JACOB W. PRICE.

DR. JACOB W. PRICE, for nearly twoscore years engaged in the drug business in Burlington, and widely known in the city and contiguous territory, was born Dec. 20, 1833, in Franklin county, Indiana, a son of Henry and Sarah (Wolf) Price. The Price family dates from the Colonial period prior to the Revolutionary War, the first known member being Elijah Price, who was appointed a member of the committee formed at Philadelphia to resist "the stamp act"—a movement which culminated in the well-known "Boston Tea Party." Although Elijah Price was a Quaker, and therefore theoretically opposed to forcible resistance, he joined in the work of the committee, which sent resolutions of sympathy to the people of Boston. The father of our subject was a native of Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and the mother, of Washington county, in the same State, they being mar-

ried in the latter county. They came through the wilderness in 1827, and settled at Brookville, Ind., the father, being a farmer, taking up land in the Whitewater bottoms, where he owned two hundred and sixty acres. They were the parents of twelve children, of whom our subject is the fifth in order of birth, and ten of whom attained maturity. The father's death occurred in 1855 in the fifty-fifth year of his age, and the mother died in 1876 at the age of sixty-five years. Sarah Wolf Price was the daughter of Jacob Wolf, a relative of the British General Wolf who was killed at the capture of Quebec. Jacob Wolf died in Pennsylvania, as did also the father of Henry Price.

Dr. Price was reared on his father's farm, attending the public schools, and after an independent course of study received a degree from Brookville College. His formal education ended at the age of nineteen years, when he began teaching, having charge of schools in Indiana and Illinois. His health being poor, he traveled extensively in the hope of improvement, going west by way of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers, from which he landed at the principal towns; and in 1859 went as far west as Minnesota. There he traveled over the entire State, living largely among the Indians, and by means of the outdoor life became possessed of a vigorous and robust physical constitution. Besides his academic education, Dr. Price had received the training of a civil engineer, and expected to take part in the government surveys during his western tour; but Congress made no appropriation for the purpose that year, so that only local surveys were attempted, and he returned home. Thence he went to Kentucky, traveling in the southwestern portion of that State as agent for Dr. Gunn. Upon the inauguration of the

Civil War he started for home, but at Cincinnati enlisted in the Woodward Guards, composed principally of students and recent graduates of the Cincinnati high schools. Enthusiastic in his country's cause, he enlisted for three months in May, 1861, in Company D, Second Kentucky Infantry, and on his discharge he re-enlisted in the same company and regiment, serving for three years, or until June, 1864. During the major portion of this period he was a member of the pioneer corps, but saw much active service in battle, nevertheless, including the Barbersville fight, the fighting along the Kanawha River, in numerous skirmishes under General Cox, on the western slope of the Alleghany Mountains, and the battle of Shiloh, in which he participated as a member of Nelson's Division, the advance of Buell's army. With this army he also took part in the battle of Perrysville, when General Bragg was defeated and turned back from his attempted raid through Kentucky, and he assisted in the relief of General Negley, who was besieged at Nashville in 1863. The roll of his battles includes moreover that of Stone River and the successful stand made against the Confederate forces on the night of Dec. 31, and Jan. 1 and 2, 1862-63, while he viewed the battle of Chickamauga as a member of the pioneer corps, and in the same capacity assisted in preparing the way for the army in its successful assault on Mission Ridge. During his entire service he was never absent from duty a single day—a record which may be truly characterized as remarkable.

At the close of the great conflict Dr. Price came to Iowa, locating at Burlington, where he entered the drug business. For thirty-six years, or from 1865 to 1902, he continued at the head of a very successful and highly

remunerative business in this city, building up one of the leading pharmacy stores in this portion of Iowa. In addition, he has devoted considerable attention and effort to minor enterprises, and was at one time a stockholder and director of the Burlington Rolling Mill Company, for whom he acted as manager for some time, during which period he placed the affairs of the concern in a very satisfactory condition. In 1902 he exchanged the drug store for a large tract of land in Lane county, Kansas, comprising one thousand six hundred acres of fine and fertile wheat lands; and besides this, his land holdings include a sixty-four-acre tract in the suburbs of Burlington and the property on North Third Street, on which stands his large, handsome, and modern residence. For thirty years he has been engaged in treating hernia and handling trusses, in which he still continues, as he has acquired a reputation that would not permit him to retire from the work.

In 1866 Dr. Price was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Favor, a native of Rochester, N. Y., and a daughter of W. B. Favor, since of Burlington. To them have been born two children, Henry B., now a lieutenant in the United States navy, and Della May, who died in 1892, just after her twenty-first birthday. She was a graduate of Burlington high school, and for one year attended the Boston Conservatory of Music. Henry B., son of our subject, is a graduate of Burlington high school and of the United States Naval Academy, class of 1893, and first served for two years on the "Baltimore," at the Asiatic station, then on the "Philadelphia," with the Pacific squadron, and later with the "Baltimore," on which he took part in the battle of Manila. For a time he had charge of the steam engineer-

ing at Pensacola, and later was placed in command of the navy yard there. During the Boxer rebellion he was with the China squadron, and served on the "Don Juan de Austria," one of the Spanish ships captured at Manila in 1898. He did much coast work in the Philippines, including a great deal of active fighting, and there for a year he also had command of the "Iris," a large supply ship. Later he was assigned to the receiving ship "Lancaster," at the League Island navy yard, and has recently been transferred to the "Iowa," with the Atlantic squadron. Our subject was formerly a business partner of Governor Gear, and by the kindness of the governor his son received his appointment to the navy unsolicited.

Dr. Price has been a faithful supporter of Republican policies ever since the organization of that party, having voted for John C. Fremont for president in 1856, and has at no time ceased to feel a personal interest in public affairs, to which he has given much intelligent study. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, an ex-commander of his post, and succeeded the late Mr. Crapo on the committee on publication of military records of distinguished officers of Burlington and of members of C. L. Matthies Post, No. 5, Grand Army of the Republic. His part in life has been a noble one, far beyond all need of praise, and as he was one of the first in war, so also he has manifested unflagging loyalty in days of peace. Advancing age has left undimmed all the powers of his mind, and he is to-day, as he ever was, a man of strong and vigorous mentality, rich with the fruits of broad and liberal culture. Eminently successful in material affairs, he has reached that height by no sacrifice of moral principle.

and stands as the embodiment of fair and upright integrity, one whose name is spoken with honor wherever known. To him Burlington owes much, and the world no less, for humanity is better by reason of his example. Mr. Price is an earnest and devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church, which he joined in early boyhood. When he first came to Burlington he joined the Old Zion church, introduced the system of finance that is now used, and was a member of the finance committee for many years, and also Sunday-school superintendent for twelve years. He is also a good singer, taking great interest in leading the congregation in singing, and made a success as musical director of the church. He was one of the builders of the First Methodist church, contributing one thousand dollars toward the erection of the same. Mr. Price is still firm and unshaken in the faith of his father and the gospel, and at the present time holds an official position in the Grace Methodist Episcopal church.

HOWARD AMES LANGLEY.

HOWARD AMES LANGLEY, now deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War, and well known in the industrial circles of Burlington, where he lived for so many years as an upright and respected citizen, and one who was a self-made man in the closest appreciation of the word. He is a son of Smith Langley, and was born Jan. 16, 1827, near Northfield, Mass., where he lived till he was about six years of age. His parents then moved to New York, where his father died when he was but twelve years old, and his mother joined the father in four years. Both

are buried in Canisteo, N. Y. They were the parents of nine children, all of whom have joined the silent majority long ere this writing.

When Mr. Langley's parents died he had a married sister living in Canisteo, N. Y., who with her husband was appointed guardian of him and his younger brother, Charles. The boys remained for a few years with their sister, and then became restless and determined they would see something of some of the Western States, and so ran away from their foster home with little or nothing of this world's goods. As all boys who embark on such a journey, they had many hardships to undergo, but their courage never failed them; they were determined to succeed and decidedly opposed to returning to New York. Charles finally went to sea, and eventually became a captain, and died a number of years ago in Boston, where his widow still resides.

Mr. Langley, of this review, traveled for many years all through the Central States, working mostly for stone-masons, so that in 1867, when he first came to Burlington, Iowa, he was a master mechanic in this line of business.

The railroad bridge across the Mississippi River was in process of construction at this time, and Mr. Langley at once secured work on it, cutting and laying many of the large stones used in the piers of the bridge. When the Burlington high school was erected, Mr. Robert Donahue, recently deceased, and Thompson McCosh were the contractors for the stone work of it, and Mr. Langley and Mr. Augsburg laid all of the foundation by the day for them. Mr. Langley also was engaged for one year on the Keokuk canal, during which time he generally visited with his family on Sundays.



HOWARD A. LANGLEY.

On Nov. 26, 1866, Mr. Langley was married in Red Rock, Marion county, Iowa, to Mrs. Mary Reed, who is a daughter of William and Mary (Holmes) Wilkin, whose birth occurred in Highland county, Ohio, Aug. 18, 1835. Her father was born in the State of Pennsylvania and her mother in the State of Virginia. Mrs. Wilkin came to Ohio when but a babe four weeks old, was married in her adopted home, and died in July, 1874. Mr. Wilkin, who was a very prosperous farmer, died in February, 1850. They were blessed with eleven children, of whom four are living: James Wilkin, resides in Maquon, Knox county, Ill.; Elizabeth, wife of Henry Robey, lives in Forsythe, Ill.; Curtis, lives in Kenton, Ohio; and Mary, who is the widow of our subject.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Langley have been born two daughters: Mary Alice, a graduate of the Bellevue Hospital, N. Y., and who follows her chosen profession with much success in Burlington; and Ivy A., who is a graduate of the Burlington high school and has been a valued teacher in the West Hill school of the same city for the past ten years.

Mrs. Langley also had two sons by her first husband, John Reed, whom she married in Red Rock, Iowa: Curtis Reed, born in 1858, and died in New Mexico in 1881; Melville Reed, born in 1861, and resides in Joliet, Ill., where he is connected with a railroad construction company.

When the Civil War broke out Mr. Langley enlisted in the Sixteenth Wisconsin Infantry, but as he had some work under headway that he could not leave, he did not enter into service till September, after which he served his country with much credit for three years and five months without a furlough. His first engagement was in the

battle of Shiloh. He helped to cut a ditch from the Mississippi River into Lake Providence to flood the country. Under General Logan he assisted to build Fort Ransom and to tunnel under Fort Hill; and when Vicksburg surrendered, the pioneer corps, of which he was a member, under General McPherson, went into Vicksburg, he being one of the first Union soldiers that entered the city, and saw General McPherson raise the stars and stripes on the court-house there. Mr. Langley received a painful wound in the battle of Corinth, which he carried till death. After being honorably discharged he returned to Burlington, and was engaged at his trade for many years till poor health and the infirmities of old age compelled him to give up active business life.

He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and also a devoted member of the Christian church, which he joined in Marshalltown, Iowa. He had a political career equalled by very few, not because he ever held office of any kind, as he never aspired to political honors; but, however, it was a career of which he was very proud, and one that he carried out in a very retiring and unpretentious manner.

He was a strong Republican, although his father and brothers were equally as strong Democrats. Mr. Langley had the pleasure of voting for every Republican candidate who ran for the presidency of this great, free country. The very last time he was permitted to leave his home he cast his vote for William McKinley on his second election. Jan. 15, 1901, this large and robust-looking man was compelled to lay down the burdens of this life and was called to his home beyond the skies, and at his own request he was laid tenderly to rest in the place set apart for

the honored soldiers in Aspen Grove cemetery. He was a man possessing many of the noblest principles of life; his word could be relied upon, his work was always of the best, and promptness with his fellow-men was carried out to the letter. His nature was a sunny one, and within his bosom throbbed a heart as warm and kind as it was large. Time may come and go, but Mr. Langley will not soon be forgotten. His widow, who is a lady of much refinement and possessing many personal attractions, is nicely situated in the old homestead at 1410 Grove Street, enjoying the companionship of her daughters and is a woman greatly beloved for her many virtues.

DANIEL Y. COX.

DANIEL Y. COX, whose earthly career exceeded the scriptural limit of human life by almost a full score of years, was born in Casstown, Ohio, Nov. 2, 1822, and passed his boyhood and part of his youth as his father's assistant in the work of the farm, but at the age of eighteen years left home to learn a trade, that of carpenter, which he followed for the remainder of his life. In 1848 he decided to identify his fortunes with those of the great West, and came to Burlington. Here, in 1851, he was united in marriage to Miss Ellen C. Griffey, and to them were born seven children, of whom five are now living, as follows: Winfield, a resident of Burlington, where he is engaged in the ice business, married Miss Emma Mozea; Ellen Virginia is a member of her mother's household; Martha, a graduate of the Burlington high school, has for the past ten years held the position of principal of

the Saunderson school; George G., of the International Insurance Company, of Chicago; and Mary, wife of Augustus A. Waldin, of Burlington, has one child, Hazel. Mr. Cox passed his entire active life in the work of his trade, and in addition did some contracting, being in both successful to a satisfactory extent, and providing well for those dependent upon his labors, for he was domestic in his tastes, and was always willing to sacrifice much for the happiness of those he loved. About a year and a half before his death he suffered an attack of pneumonia and la grippe, and from that time his health failed constantly until July 5, 1902, when he passed from earth to the better world, lamented by many friends and by those to whom he was bound by the sacred ties of kindred and long association. He was a religious man in the best sense of the term, was a faithful member of the First Methodist Episcopal church, and at one time was active in the work of the Sunday-school.

Although he never cared for the honor of public office, he was always interested in the welfare of his country, and in his younger years voted with the Whigs, becoming a member of the Republican party on its organization.

He built a comfortable residence in Burlington, at 420 Maple Street, which is still the family home. He lies buried in the Aspen Grove cemetery, beside his two sons. David, the elder of these, who died at the age of twenty-nine years, was also a carpenter, and had extensive fraternal connections, being a member of the Masonic Order, the Royal Arcanum, and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Edwin, the younger, who died at the age of seventeen, was at the time a student, and the

direct cause of his death was brain fever, induced by overstudy.

Mr. Cox was a modest and unpretentious man, never aspiring to more than what was justly due him, and with a highly developed sense of fairness and justice to others. In manner he was quiet and reserved, rarely expressing his opinions, but when he did so it was with such conspicuous ability and point that he was always listened to with the attention and respect due to a thoughtful and original mind. Honest, upright, and loyal in all his dealings with his fellow-men, he was everywhere respected and honored for the great virtues of his character, and had many friends.

Mrs. Cox was born at Morgantown, Va., Dec. 14, 1829, and came to Burlington at the age of seven with her parents, William and Mary (Spitzer) Griffey, who were married at Newmarket, Va., their native place, coming to Burlington in 1837. The father, who was a tailor, had a shop and clothing store on Jefferson Street. He was a member of the Masonic order, and had before coming West served his country as a soldier in the War of 1812. He was quite well-to-do, and in Virginia was the owner of a number of slaves, kept mostly as house servants. He was opposed to all unkind treatment of slaves, and never sold one, but freed all in his possession on coming to Iowa. On locating in Burlington he bought property, and started in partnership with others to build a grist mill, but through manipulation of the other interests in the company, was forced out, and thereafter confined his attention to his tailoring business and clothing establishment. He possessed much business ability, and amassed a considerable fortune, but by reason of an unfavorable turn of events lost the prin-

cipal portion. He died of pneumonia in 1848, his own demise being followed in 1850 by that of his wife, whose fatal illness was cholera. They were the parents of ten children, five of whom still survive, as follows: Mrs. John Johnson, of Denver, Colo.; Mrs. Sirena Hudson, of this city; Mrs. Thomas French, now of Crystal Lake, Colo.; Mrs. Martha Hillhouse, of Burlington.

After the death of her father and until her marriage, Mrs. Cox was a teacher in the public schools of Burlington, being assistant to the principal, Miss Holbrook, later Mrs. Luke Palmer, and now deceased. At that time Burlington could boast only two public schools, that in which Mrs. Cox taught being held in a rented room in a log cabin situated on the river bank near the foot of the present Cedar Street. Here she taught during the school years of 1848 and 1849, the term being three months in duration, and the school consisting of about forty pupils, for whose instruction the teacher was paid a salary of six dollars a month. Her own education was received in private schools in Burlington. She is a woman of broad general information and much natural ability, possessing conversational powers and social gifts which have drawn about her many loyal and admiring friends.

F. H. A. KOCH.

F. H. A. KOCH, the founder and promoter of the German-American Equation Premium Life Association, which, formulated and conducted upon the original plans instituted by him, has become a leading organization of this character in Iowa, was born in Westphalia, Germany,

Sept. 26, 1845, and in the public schools of his native land acquired his education. He came to the United States when twenty-two years of age, making his way to Pittsfield, Pike county, Ill., was there engaged in business as a dealer in musical instruments, and also as a life- and fire-insurance agent. Desiring better educational advantages, as a further preparation for life's work, he became a student in the Wesleyan College, at Warrenton, Mo., and later, returning to Pittsfield, he resumed business there. He spent about twenty years in Pittsfield, and in 1886 removed to Burlington, where, in 1887, he put into execution plans which he had formulated and perfected after much earnest consideration, and thus sprang into existence the German-American Mutual Life Insurance Association, now called the German-American Equation Premium Life Association, of which he has been secretary from the beginning. Its other officers are: Frank S. Churchill, president; Hon. John Zaiser, vice-president; Henry Miller, treasurer; P. C. Naumann, medical director; and La Monte Cowles, legal adviser. Mr. Koch is also secretary of a General Agency Company, which was established to secure business for the German-American Equation Premium Life Association.

In March, 1876, in Pittsfield, Ill., Mr. Koch was married to Miss Lizzie C. Herling, a native of that State, and they became the parents of nine children, of which three are now living: Dr. F. E. Koch, a physician of Burlington; L. H. Koch, engaged in the life insurance business; and Robert T., at home,—715 Garfield Avenue.

Mr. Koch is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and a Master Mason of Des Moines Lodge, No. 1, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. His political views accord with the principles of the Republican party. He is a member of the German Methodist Episcopal church, taking an active part in its work, and serving as church trustee and Sunday-school superintendent.

FREDERICK E. KOCH, M. D.

DR. FREDERICK E. KOCH, engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Burlington, was born in Pittsfield, Ill., Feb. 10, 1878. His father, F. H. A. Koch, of this city, a native of Germany, at an early age was left an orphan and thrown upon his own resources. He has a sister still living in Germany, but with this exception all the other members of the family have passed away. At his father's death, F. H. A. Koch was adopted into the family of a farmer and was reared to agricultural pursuits. It was during his boyhood that he was brought by this family to America, his youth being largely passed upon a farm near Pittsfield, Ill. He attended school however, at Morton, Mo., and afterward became a student in the German Methodist College at Warrenton, Mo., completing his education in that institution. He worked his way through school, ambitious to enjoy good mental training and discipline as a preparation for life's practical duties.

He was a successful agent and canvasser in early manhood, selling books in the Middle West, and later he engaged in the sale of pianos for a year. He then turned

his attention to the music business, conducting a music store in Pittsfield, prior to his removal to Burlington early in the '80's. Here he engaged in the insurance business, representing a Burlington company that has since passed out of existence, his territory lying largely in Dakota. When the German-American Equation Premium Life Association of Burlington was formed, he became one of its stockholders, and is now secretary of the company, which has entered upon a period of prosperity with a business that is increasing annually.

He is deeply interested in all relating to the welfare of the city, and has been particularly active in church work, serving as superintendent of the Sunday-school for many years. He married Elizabeth C. Herling, who was born in Quincy, Ill., of German parentage. Their marriage was celebrated in Pittsfield, Ill., and they have three children: F. E.; Lewis H., who is with the German American Insurance Company; and Albert.

Dr. Koch began his education in the public schools of his native city, afterward entered the public schools of Burlington and spent two years as a high-school student here, following which he matriculated in the Iowa Wesleyan University, at Mount Pleasant, where he remained for three years. When his more specifically literary education was completed, he began preparation for the practice of medicine as a student in the office and under the direction of Dr. Naumann, of Burlington, and later entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons of St. Louis, in which institution he was graduated with the class of 1901. Thus equipped for his chosen calling, he established an office in the Odd Fellows' Building in Burlington and entered upon his field

of labor, in which he has been making continuous advancement, as he has demonstrated his ability to cope with the complex problems which continually confront the physician and surgeon.

He is a member of, and camp physician for, the Woodmen of the World in Burlington, and also belongs to, and is examining physician for, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Knights of the Maccabees, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and the Degree of Honor, while in the line of his profession he is connected with the Des Moines County Medical Society. He is also examining physician for a number of the old-line life-insurance companies.

Dr. Koch is a member of the Orchard City Hunting and Fishing Club and is prominent socially. He belongs to the German Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is serving as treasurer and steward, and he also belongs to the Epworth League. He reads, writes, and speaks German fluently, and has many opportunities to use this knowledge in his practice as well as in his church and social relations. He is a man of high principles, of laudable ambition, and strong purpose, and in professional circles has gained a position which would be creditable to a man of much greater age.

JAMES THOMPSON PORTER.

JAMES THOMPSON PORTER belonged to one of the prominent and highly respected pioneer families of Des Moines county. He was the second son of Thompson and Sarah Ann (Abbott) Porter, being born on his father's farm, near Burlington, in Union township, Des Moines county, Oct.

10, 1846. His father was the son of Lewis Porter, born Nov. 27, 1783, and Henrietta (Hacklev) Porter, born Dec. 23, 1778. There were seven children in the family of Lewis Porter, as follows: Mary, born Jan. 20, 1806; Nancy, born June 8, 1810; Lewis, born Nov. 9, 1811; Thompson, father of our subject, born in one of the Virginias, March 24, 1813; Elizabeth, born Feb. 4, 1815; Samuel, born Nov. 23, 1819; Alexander, born Nov. 28, 1824. Mr. Porter moved from Virginia to Zanesville, Ohio, where, on March 24, 1842, he married Sarah Ann Abbott, near Uniontown. Mrs. Porter was born Dec. 27, 1821, and was the daughter of Hays and Elizabeth (Snow) Abbott. Her brothers and sisters were: Susan, who married Nathan Miner; Lorenzo; Mary Jane, the wife of Jacob Norris; Elizabeth, Mrs. Benjamin Murphy; Minerva, married Thomas De Lapp.

In 1842 Mr. and Mrs. Thompson Porter moved from Ohio to a farm in Des Moines county, Iowa, where they resided till their death, the former dying Sept. 12, 1869, and the latter passing away Oct. 22, 1866. To this couple were born eleven children, four of whom died in early childhood: Lewis Alexander, born Jan. 27, 1843; James Thompson, born Oct. 10, 1846; Mary Elizabeth, born April 7, 1848; America, born Jan. 28, 1850; Henrietta Amanda, born Jan. 8, 1852; Amelia, born June 28, 1853; Minerva, born June 24, 1854; John, born May 29, 1856; Samuel, born June 16, 1857; Douglas, born Nov. 17, 1859; Hattie, born Aug. 7, 1861.

The marriages of the above-mentioned children of Thompson Porter occurred as follows: Lewis married Susan Waterhouse, and they had one son, Charles Thompson, born Oct. 19, 1867. They resided near

Oakville, Iowa, where Mr. Porter died April 15, 1868. James Thompson Porter, of this review, married Florence Genevieve Murch, of Burlington, May 5, 1886. Mary E. married Henry M. Bush, Feb. 9, 1887, and now resides in Canton, Mo. Minerva became the wife of Benjamin Murphy, and they are the parents of three children, Elbridge Thompson Ransom, Melvin Edward, and Mary America Belle. The mother of these last-named children died Feb. 5, 1894. Samuel is the husband of Eudora L. Shumate, married Oct. 5, 1887. They have two children: Mary Henrietta, born July 9, 1891, and William Thompson Niephi, born Dec. 8, 1895. They make their home in Pulaski, Iowa; Hattie Porter married William G. Renz, Jan. 27, 1892, and they had one son, James Augustus, born Oct. 8, 1895, who died when a few months old. They also live near Canton, Mo.

James Thompson Porter, our subject, grew to manhood on his father's farm, where he attended the district school for several years. He was a bright student and a great reader, and stored his mind with many advanced ideas. When he was twenty-two years of age, his parents passed away, and the care of the home and also of his brothers and sisters fell upon Mr. Porter and his two older sisters. They worked long and hard, and finally succeeded in clearing the home of the indebtedness. Politically, Mr. Porter was a Democrat, and served his native township as school director and as clerk for two terms, from 1883 to 1886, inclusive. He was elected township assessor, which office he held for two years, when he moved to Henry county, Iowa, near Winfield. His wife, in maidenhood, was Miss Florence Genevieve Murch, and is the second daughter of Samuel

Franklin and Mary (Bennett) Murch. Mr. Murch came to New York City from Devonshire, England, with his parents, John and Elizabeth (Stocker) Murch in 1831, when he was less than one year of age, he having been born June 12, 1830. His parents had six children: John, married Sophia Smith; Frances, the wife of James Hutson; Mary, married Charles Davis; James, wedded Mary Bermingham; Elizabeth, died in childhood; Samuel, married Mary Bennett, in Wilkesbarre, Pa., Jan. 2, 1855. Mrs. Murch is the oldest daughter of John Taylor and Hannah (Miller) Bennett, and was born Jan. 23, 1834. Her grandmother, Sarah Taylor, was the granddaughter of President Zachary Taylor. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett had five children: Martha, married Charles Stull; Katherine, who became Mrs. Lanning Rinehimer; Hannah, the widow of Joseph Robbins; George, married Anna Morrison; and Mary, widow of Samuel Murch.

When quite a young man Mr. Murch began his first work in his father's rope and twine factory at Newtown, Long Island. His father's family was very musical, and were among the first to purchase pianos, which instruments were very rare in those days. Mr. and Mrs. Murch began their domestic life in Montoursville, Pa., from whence they moved to Williamsport, the same State. In 1866 they came to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, where they remained till 1868, when they located in Burlington, and where Mr. Murch worked at his trade of a stair-builder until death overtook him July 27, 1895. Seven children graced this union: The oldest, an unnamed infant, born March 23, 1856; John B., born Aug. 1, 1857; Samuel F., born Sept. 9, 1859; Ella O., born May 3, 1861, was graduated from the high school

June 13, 1879, and the year following received her diploma from the city training school, and is now the successful first assistant teacher in the Sunnyside school, in Burlington, Iowa; Florence G., wife of our subject, born Nov. 24, 1862, also a graduate of the Burlington high school and the city training school, and was one of the efficient teachers in Des Moines county for four years, when she became the wife of Mr. Porter; Hammond L., born Aug. 25, 1865, attended high school for a while, and then took a course in Elliott's Business College in Burlington, and later took a two-years' course in his favorite study, music, in Cincinnati, Ohio. He is one of the leading instructors in music in the city, and also one of the prominent merchants, dealing in all kinds of musical instruments and musical merchandise. He married Minnie Lillie, of Burlington, May 27, 1897, and to them one son, James Bennett, was born, Sept. 20, 1899.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter began their wedded life near Burlington on a farm, where, but a few rods from where Mr. Porter was born, their son, James Murch Porter, was born, April 22, 1887. On March 7, 1888, they moved to a farm which Mr. Porter had purchased, one and a half miles from Winfield, Henry county, Iowa. This was a lovely home, which Mr. Porter took much interest in, and was constantly improving and beautifying. In this home, Oct. 18, 1892, their daughter, Florence Bessie Porter, was born.

When the State bank was incorporated in Winfield in 1893, Mr. and Mrs. Porter became stockholders, and at the first meeting of the stockholders of the same, Mr. Porter was elected one of the directors of the bank, and also a member of the auditing commit-

tee, which offices he held until he moved away from the village. In 1902 his health became impaired, and thinking a change of climate might prove beneficial, he sold his farm and stock, and removed his family to Oklahoma City. The weather being unfavorable, Mr. Porter received a severe cold in making the trip to his new home, and pneumonia at once seized him, and in three weeks from the day that he left his old home in Winfield he peacefully and calmly passed away, March 18, 1902. The next day the bereaved wife, accompanied by her son and daughter, brought the remains of the loving husband and kind father back to Burlington, where on March 22, 1902, they were laid to rest in beautiful Aspen Grove cemetery. Mr. Porter was a bright and active man, thoroughly fitted for business, either on the farm, where he was most successful in all his undertakings, or in commercial circles. His principles were honorable and upright, and he possessed the confidence and good-will of the entire community, and he left a record of which his friends and family may well be proud. After the death of Mr. Porter, Mrs. Porter purchased a temporary home on Foster Street, in Burlington, in order that her children might have good educational advantages. Her son Murch attends the high school, and her daughter Bessie is a student in the West Hill school, and both also pursue their study of music, for which they have a decided love and ability.

NELS C. HANSON.

NELS C. HANSON, well known throughout Des Moines county, Iowa, as an able leader in public affairs, and now engaged

in agriculture and stock-raising on his fertile and productive farm of forty-three acres in the northwest corner of Section 16, Union township, is a native of Aalborg, Denmark, where he was born Aug. 26, 1863, a son of Christian C. and Anna Hanson. When about six years old he removed with his parents to America, after a voyage of approximately twelve days landing at Castle Garden, New York. Coming thence directly to Iowa, they located in Union township, Des Moines county. There the father, who was by trade a blacksmith, started a shop, and a year or two later was able to purchase a satisfactory location for a home. He first erected a log house, in which the family lived for about fifteen years, at the expiration of which period he built a good frame dwelling. At about this time also he abandoned his trade and gave his attention exclusively to farming; and as his original purchase of land comprised only ten acres, he acquired additional holdings. The house still stands, now being occupied by his son Henry.

At the time of the emigration of the family to America there were six daughters and one son, the latter the subject of the present review. One son, Henry, was born in Union township. All the children grew to maturity, and they are in order of birth as follows: Caroline, who now resides in Cedar county, Iowa, married Nels Fulgsang, and they have seven children; Sine, who married Peter Peterson, is now deceased, having died in Cedar county, survived by five children; Mary, who married John Swan, lives in West Burlington, and has two children; Nels C., the subject of this review; Hannah, who now resides in Burlington,



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Iowa, married Peter Simonson, and has one child; Carrie, who married Conrad Schwartz, and has five children, resides in Winfield, Iowa; Minnie, who is the wife of George Schafer, resides in Chicago; and Henry, who resides at the parental home, married Miss Laura Hegley, and they have two children.

Christian C. Hanson, founder of this family in America, enjoyed the advantages of a good education, having in his native land received an excellent training in a military school, and as an officer of the Danish army, took part in the war between his country and Germany in 1848. He had the good fortune never to be wounded, but the whole-hearted character of the man and his service in those trying times is indicated by the fact that he was awarded a medal for meritorious conduct. His devotion to the Fatherland in no way exceeded his loyalty to the land of his adoption, and on coming here he made a conscientious study of public questions, as a result of which he became a supporter of the Republican party. He was a lifelong student, being a lover of reading and research along intellectual lines. His nature, too, was deeply religious, although he never became identified with any particular church, and it was characteristic of him that he was ready at all times to sacrifice his own ease and pleasures for the benefit of those who were near and dear to him. Thus, while he realized that for himself and his wife the conditions of life would have been easier in Denmark than in this country, he never regretted that he had removed to America, as by so doing they conferred a great benefit upon their children. He provided for each of his children a good

common-school education, and to their welfare he devoted the best efforts of a long life of arduous toil. He died July 24, 1893, but the mother is still living, and makes her home with the children.

Nels C. Hanson received a fairly complete common-school education in the district schools of Union township, and early began to assist his father in the support of the family by hiring out to a farmer when only ten years of age, working by the month, and receiving for his labor the sum of eight dollars a month. Not satisfied with his education, he matriculated in a business college at the age of seventeen years, but lacking financial resources, he was compelled to give up this line of study after one month. He had inherited from his father a taste for good reading, however, and in this way he largely made up for the deficiencies of his formal training and supplied his lack of the usual advantages, for he began this method of self-culture when but a small boy, and has ever since continued it with increasing enthusiasm. He has in his home a library of five hundred volumes, being the largest in Des Moines county, outside of the city of Burlington. He still worked at farm labor, however, until his twenty-second year, when he bought one hundred and twenty acres of land in Hamilton county, Iowa.

In Union township on Feb. 18, 1886, Mr. Hanson was united in marriage to Miss Sophia Schwartz, a native of that township, and daughter of Fred and Caroline Schwartz, who were both born in Germany. For two years Mr. Hanson and his bride resided at the farm in Hamilton county, but at the expiration of that period he sold the farm there and removed

to Burlington, where he lived for approximately six years, engaged in various occupations. During two years of this time he was shipping clerk in the office of the Burlington Saddlery Manufactory, and for the following three years he resided at Galesburg, Ill., as the representative of the same firm. He then purchased the farm which he now occupies, and here he has established for himself and family a fine home. To Mr. and Mrs. Hanson have been born two children, Irwin, born in Burlington, Iowa, March, 9, 1890; and Myrtle, born in Burlington July 13, 1893.

Since taking up agriculture as a permanent business, Mr. Hanson has been much interested in the improvement of farm stock, and in addition to exercising a constant care in improving the stock on his own farm, owns shares in the Burlington Percheron Horse Company, which numbers among its members many of the most progressive farmers of Des Moines county. His activities, in fact, have extended to almost all matters of community interest. In 1901 an agitation was begun for the formation of a rural telephone company for this community, the project being chiefly promoted by Mr. John Miller, who then lived in Union township and had witnessed the development of a similar plan in Wapello county. In the autumn of that year meetings were called to consider the measure, but the project was finally abandoned. In November, 1901, Mr. Henry Magel, Mr. Hanson, and Mr. Ed Romkey took it up, and effected an incorporation with a capital stock of \$5,000, securing contracts from about thirty-three patrons. Mr. Hanson was made the first secretary and treasurer of the corporation, a position which he oc-

cupied until Jan. 1, 1905; and during this period so great was the success of the enterprise that the capital stock has been increased to \$25,000 and the patronage has risen to three hundred instruments. The company furnishes excellent service, and in bringing to their neighbors this great gift of civilization, Mr. Hanson and his associates performed an act which entitles them to be considered true public benefactors. In addition to his other duties, Mr. Hanson has occasionally found time to act as an auctioneer for the accommodation of a friend or neighbor, and has had considerable success in this line, but does not follow it regularly.

When yet quite young Mr. Hanson became an active worker for the success of the Republican party, whose principles embody his ideals of popular government, and at an early age began serving his party in both county and state conventions. In recognition of his services he received in 1901 the nomination for representative of Des Moines county in the Iowa State Legislature, and although the party is greatly in the minority here, he attracted such a strong following that he was again made the standard bearer. This honor was entirely unsought on his part, but his personal popularity carried him forward, and in the counting of the ballots it was found that he lacked only a few votes of election. Co-existent with his activities in public life he has always maintained a warm interest in humanitarian and religious work, and in 1899 he became a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. From this body he has received license as an exhorter, a branch of the work in which he has accomplished much, and he has also served as superin-

tendent of the Sunday-school. His labors in this field have always been so markedly successful that he has been solicited and even urged to devote himself to the regular ministry of the gospel; and should he ever decide so to do, the consummation would doubtless mean much for his denomination and the great cause for which it stands. In his fraternal relations Mr. Hanson is a member of Excelsior Lodge, No. 268, Independent Order Odd Fellows.

In these modern days of intense specialization, when most men find time to do nothing except along one narrow line of restricted endeavor, it is very encouraging to find a man who has not paid for his success at the cost of his own self-development. Naturally gifted with varied and versatile talents, Mr. Hanson has, by extensive experience in practical affairs, touched the circle of an ideal career at almost every point. Honor, reputation, and loyal friendship he has won by the strength and sincerity of his purpose. His work in religious and fraternal circles, in the political world, and in the home community have been a help and encouragement to many, while his success in a business way should inspire the young with the thought that even in this day of specialization a man may attain to high material achievement and still develop a broad and many-sided character.

JACOB ANDREW PILGER.

JACOB ANDREW PILGER, now deceased, was for many years a prominent, influential, and honored resident of Burlington, Iowa.

His history is closely interwoven with the business development, the political life, and the moral advancement of this city, and so honorable and upright was his life that he enjoyed in marked degree the unlimited confidence and good-will of those with whom he was associated. His life record, too, is most commendable on account of the excellent success which he won in the control of legitimate business interests; and no history of Burlington would be complete without the record of his career.

Mr. Pilger was a native of the Hawkeye State, being born in the city of Burlington, Feb. 26, 1846. He is a son of Jacob and Caroline (Bertsch) Pilger, both natives of Germany. His father was born in Badenhäusen, Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, May 10, 1817, and he was a son of Ernst and Philippina Pilger. He grew to manhood in his native country, and came to America with his parents in 1838, locating first in Seneca county, Ohio. Aug. 8, 1838, in Columbus, Ohio, the marriage of Jacob Pilger and Caroline Bertsch was celebrated, and in 1840 the young couple left Ohio for Burlington, crossing the river on the fourth of January. They were not satisfied with their Western home, and went to Louisville, Ky., where they remained till April, when they came back to Burlington, but only to remain a month or so, when they took up a residence in Kentucky for some three years. Coming again to Burlington in 1852, he soon opened a general store, which he conducted till his health failed in 1859, and he was obliged to close out his business. He then embarked in a vineyard, purchasing eighty acres on what is now known as Sunnyside. The last few years of his life were spent in retirement. In early life he was a supporter of the Democratic party, but in

later times he joined the Republican ranks. Mr. and Mrs. Pilger had eight children: Ernest, died in Germany in 1885; William, engaged in real estate and insurance business, residing in Burlington; Jacob, of this review; Theodore, a merchant of Loop City, Nebr.; Lewis, agent of the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company, of New Jersey, and lives in Burlington; Philippina, wife of Adolph Bosch, of Peoria, Kans.; Henrietta, widow of the late Frank Kooper, resides in St. Louis, Mo.; Emma, married Charles Cooper, who is at Argentine, Kans. Mr. Pilger died at his home, March 30, 1888. Mrs. Pilger passed away May 31, 1893.

Our subject was educated in the public schools of Burlington, and when about seventeen years of age entered the store of his uncle, Fred Lindstadt, who was a dealer in leather goods. After clerking there for some time, he went on the road as a traveler for the wholesale house of A. Kaiser, who was then the leading clothier of the city. He remained with Mr. Kaiser till Jan. 1, 1874, when he and his brother William opened a wholesale grocery store at 209 Main Street. He was very successful in this store, and each year a greater trade was established. They employed a number of salesmen, as well as traveling representatives, and this large wholesale house became an important factor of both city and State.

March 26, 1874, Mr. Pilger and Miss Josephine M. Harper were married. Mrs. Pilger is a daughter of W. W. and Mary (Lunbeck) Harper, and was born in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, May 26, 1850, receiving her education in the public schools in Burlington, in which city she has always resided. Her parents were both natives of

the State of Ohio, being born about eleven miles apart. Mr. Harper's birth occurred in Good Hope, Feb. 11, 1816, where he attended the common schools, and when quite young entered a store as a clerk. He later opened a dry-goods store, which he conducted till 1843, when he came to Iowa and located in Mt. Pleasant, where he had a general store, dealing in fine silks, stoves, tinware, dishes, hams, sugar, and in fact everything that was necessary to supply the growing demands of the people, for some nine years. In the fall of 1852 he brought his family to Burlington, and started a boot and shoe store, which he conducted with great success for over twenty years, having his son Brainard, now deceased, as a partner a part of the time. Mr. Harper was always one of the strongest advocates of the Republican party in the city, but never aspired to office. He was a life-long member of the First Baptist church. He was a man of an exceedingly pleasant address, of a bright and happy disposition, a warm heart, and his business principles were above reproach; and though it has been some years since he laid down the cares and burdens of this life to enter into the rest prepared for mortal man, still his memory is fresh in the hearts of all, and his many good deeds of kindness meted out to the afflicted will long be remembered. His death occurred at his home 828 North Fourth Street, Dec. 6, 1893.

Mrs. Harper was born in Greenfield, Ohio, July 30, 1821, where she spent all of her girlhood days, and where she was married Dec. 9, 1840. She too joined the First Baptist church in this city in 1852, and is the oldest member, both in age and membership, of this place of worship. She is now in her eighty-sixth year, and for many years has been denied the privilege of attending church

service and the freedom of social life, as she is blind. But with so great an affliction laid upon her she is ever bright and cheerful, and can relate many pleasing incidents of the pioneer times. She makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Pilger, and is patiently waiting the Master's call to join her loved ones on the other shore.

Mr. and Mrs. Harper were blessed with seven children, two of whom died in infancy in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. Brainard D. was born in Greenfield, Ohio, Dec. 10, 1841. His early schooling was begun in the public schools of Mt. Pleasant and Burlington, and later it was pursued in the business college and concluded in the Baptist Institute, of Burlington, where he lacked but two months of graduating when the Civil War broke out. He responded promptly to the national call, and enlisted in Company G, Twenty-fifth Iowa Infantry, being mustered into service in Burlington as first lieutenant. He participated in the siege of Vicksburg, and was at Chattanooga, and many other battles. As he contracted bowel trouble, he was obliged to return home to recuperate; and when better, he formed a company of his own — Company D, Forty-fifth Infantry, called out for three months only. After being honorably discharged, he returned at once to Burlington, where he became a partner with his father in the shoe store. He remained in this business till 1872, when his health failed, and he was obliged to go West. For a number of years he had a general mercantile store in Evans, Colo., and then went on a ranch, engaging in the buying and selling of fine cattle. He next moved to Greeley, Colo., where he was the county treasurer for six years. His great ability was soon recognized, as the important positions filled by him will testify. For several

years he was the cashier of the First National Bank of Greeley, and also cashier of the Union Bank in the same city, and upon the death of the president of the last-named bank he was promoted to the office of president. This office he held for nine years, when death overtook him very suddenly, and a place of business, and social and home circles, were made void, and a deep sorrow cast over the city and surrounding country of Greeley. He had long been the popular overseer of the poor, and a man who was honored and respected in the truest meaning of the word. As a boy he was bright and active, especially devoted to his parents. He was an exceptionally fine penman, and a man of noble character, fine executive ability, broad and liberal in all things; and these, combined with his kind and loving heart, are hard to portray with the pen, as words fail to fully express the true worth and value of such a man. His death occurred May 24, 1905, and his funeral was perhaps the largest ever held in Greeley. Mr. Harper was married Oct. 10, 1865, to Miss Jennie G. Bruen, of Illinois, who was born in Orange, N. J., and who is now living in the beautiful and costly residence planned and erected by her late husband. They never had any children, but out of the generosity of their hearts they adopted a niece, and gave her a splendid education; and it was a great comfort to Mr. Harper to see her married comfortably and happy, and to build her a handsome home close to his own, so that he might have the pleasure of his grandchildren every day. Vinnie R. Harper is the widow of J. B. Fidler, and resides in Davenport, Iowa. She had one son, William, who is dead; Josephine is the widow of the subject of this review; Ella married Mr. C. E. Bell, of Greenfield, Ohio, who died a few

years ago. She has one daughter, Mary D. Bell. Mrs. Bell later married Albert M. Mackerley, a lawyer and real estate man, of Greenfield; Frank J. Harper, lives in Denver, and has three children.

The health of Mr. Pilger becoming impaired, he was obliged to give up active duties and retire, with the hope of soon being restored to health again; but alas, this was not so ordered, and on Jan. 1, 1900, he and his brother sold their large and prosperous wholesale grocery. Strange to say, it was just twenty-six years to a day that this store was operated by the Pilger Brothers. What a change has come to Mr. Pilger during his long and useful business career. When he began life he had nothing to bank on but his willing hands and energy. By the closest of application he advanced step by step till he became one of the proprietors of a large paying establishment. He erected one of the handsomest residences on North Hill at 826 North Sixth Street, where, as the slow but sure malady of Bright's Disease made inroads upon him, he was given the very best of care by his ever-faithful and devoted wife. Medical aid could not stay the hand of death, and March 11, 1902, this once active and comparatively young man was numbered among the silent majority. In his death his wife lost a loving husband, the city one who could be illy spared from the business circle in which he had moved for so many years with credit to all, and the social circles he was wont to join at times sustained a loss of one dear to all.

Politically, Mr. Pilger gave his support and hearty co-operation to the Republican party, but could never be induced to accept any office, firmly believing his services were more valuable to the party as a private citi-

zen. He was progressive and enterprising, and ever rejoiced in the prosperity of his home city. Fraternally, he was identified with the Masons and Odd Fellows, and was a member of the Independent Order of United Workmen. Mr. Pilger was of a genial disposition, and his friends were legion. He was essentially a home-loving man, and took but little part in public affairs. His business and home were the two important factors in his life. His knowledge of commercial affairs was deep and extensive, and the splendid success achieved by him stands as a pattern of what industry, integrity, and ability may do. He was loyal in his friendships, and it may be truly said his word was as good as his bond.

Mrs. Pilger, who is a lady of much culture and refinement, resides in the lovely home mentioned above, and is well known among people of this city, where she has friends unnumbered.

CAPT. SAMUEL BROWN HEIZER.

A PROMINENT, distinguished, and highly-intelligent citizen, one who has served his country in time of great need, and who has held most of the offices of the town where he now resides, is Samuel Heizer. He is the second son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Brown) Heizer, and was born in Ross county, Ohio, Feb. 22, 1842.

Before he was one year old his parents moved to Des Moines county, where they purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land,—eighty in Section 29, Yellow Springs township, and forty in Benton township. They later bought sixty acres

more in Section 29, and at one time owned two hundred and eighty acres in this part of the county.

Mr. Heizer, Sr., was a farmer all of his life. His birth occurred Nov. 12, 1808, and he passed to his final reward June 17, 1886. His faithful wife was born Oct. 3, 1810, and joined her husband in the realms beyond the view of mortal eye Feb. 3, 1894. Their children who grew to maturity were: Martin L.; Samuel Brown, of this review; David Blair; and Joseph Stewart. Our subject received the greater part of his education in the Yellow Springs College, at Kossuth, Iowa, and later attended the State University, at Iowa City, for one term.

When Mr. Heizer was only nineteen years old he joined the army in the Civil War in the defense of his country, making a record as a soldier of which his friends and family are justly proud. He enlisted first April 20, 1861, in Company E, First Iowa Volunteer Infantry, being mustered into service May 7, 1861, at Keokuk, Iowa, where he served for three months, till Aug. 20, 1861. July 28, 1862, he enlisted in Company C, Thirtieth Iowa Infantry, at Keokuk, and there he was mustered into service, being assigned to the Army of the Tennessee, Fifteenth Corps. He served with this company throughout the rest of the war, being honorably discharged June 5, 1865, at Washington, D. C. He was in the Grand Review, and had participated in the following noted battles: Wilson's Creek; Arkansas Post; Chickasaw Bluffs; Jackson, Mississippi; the assaults and siege of Vicksburg; two at Jackson; one at Brandon, Cherokee Station, Alabama; Lookout Mountain; Missionary Ridge, Ringgold, Resaca,

Georgia; Dallas; Kenesaw Mountain; two battles at Atlanta; Jonesboro; Lovejoy Station, Savannah, Georgia; Columbia, S. C.; Bentonville, N. C., and in many minor engagements. Beside acting as a private in the war, Mr. Heizer held several higher offices, being promoted at the organization of his regiment to first sergeant, and May 30, 1863, was made first lieutenant, and June 15, 1864, was made captain, in which capacity he served until the close of the national conflict. During these five long years of hard service our subject was much afflicted with malaria, and at one time, while on a long march through the hot sun, received a severe sunstroke.

After his discharge in Washington, he came direct to Des Moines county, and engaged in the merchandise business in Kossuth, and a little later took up farming for a short time. He then located in Muscatine, Iowa, having there a store for three and a half years. At the end of this time he came to Mediapolis, and opened an insurance and notary public's office, where he soon worked up a fine paying business. Being a man of much force and executive ability, he was at once elected to serve the people in their city government, being mayor, member of the school-board, township assessor, and clerk of the township, which latter office he is now holding. Each and all of the responsible duties were discharged with great care and accuracy, Mr. Heizer keeping the city's interest ever in mind, and thus, under the guidance of so wise a ruler, the city made many steps of improvement.

Mr. Heizer was married to Miss Martha E. Canfield, Oct. 3, 1865. Mrs. Heizer is a daughter of Thomas H. and Eliza

Jane (Brewer) Canfield. This union was blessed with five children: Kate Lorena, who has taught school in Arizona the greater part of her life, but has been located for the past two years in Monte Vista, Colo., teaching in the city schools; Clara Irene married E. W. Johnson, and they reside in Nebraska; Fred Louis, a printer in the *News* office, at Mediapolis; Grace Myrtle, a teacher of the piano and organ, at home; Albert William Torrence, assistant postmaster at Mediapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Heizer took much interest in giving their children as good education as possible. Mr. Heizer is identified with several of the secret societies, being a member and the commander of Shepard Post, G. A. R., at Mediapolis. This post received its name in honor of John F. Sheppard, our subject's friend, a member of his company. This post now has thirty members, there being at one time ninety-six members. He is a member of the Masons of Mediapolis, having been Master, and has held nearly all of the offices. He is also a member of the Independent Order Odd Fellows, in which he has held all of the offices. To these various societies he is loyal and true, and derives much pleasure from them. In religious faith Mr. and Mrs. Heizer are Presbyterians, having joined the Presbyterian church many years ago, and in which our worthy subject is elder and church treasurer. They have seen this church grow from time to time, and they are now looked upon as pillars of the same.

In closing this record, we find that as a student our subject was always in the lead; as a soldier he was brave, courageous, and stout-hearted, ready at a mo-

ment's warning to obey any command, cheerfully undergoing any hardships or privations for the sake of the flag he loved, and was ready to follow it even to death, if need be. As a public-spirited man he has been active and enterprising; as a business man his reputation has been established along upright and moral lines; and as a representative of his party in serving the city in so many offices he has been faithful, and one whose judgment could be relied upon. Both Mr. Heizer and his wife stand high in the esteem of the community, enjoying to an unusual degree the confidence and respect of their fellow-citizens.

EDWARD GILLAM ARCHER.

EDWARD GILLAM ARCHER, deceased, who was one of the foremost representatives of agricultural interests in Iowa, being an extensive land-owner and stock-raiser, was born in Bond county, Illinois, Aug. 10, 1822. His father, Hezekiah Archer, was a native of North Carolina, and after arriving at years of maturity, wedded Mary Black, a native of Tennessee. Throughout his entire life he followed the occupation of farming. In his early married life he removed to Bond county, Illinois, where he entered land from the government, and in the course of years improved several farms. Again he became identified with pioneer development through his removal to Iowa, in 1833. He settled about five miles southwest of Mediapolis, on Section 6, Franklin township, and bought a claim, there spending his remaining days.

As a frontier settler he was familiar with the experiences, hardships, and privations



E. G. Archer

which constituted the life of the early residents who came to the West and reclaimed this great section of the country for the purposes of civilization. He reached the advanced age of eighty years, passing away June 9, 1872, having for a long period survived his wife, who died in 1855, when fifty-six years of age. Both were consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and their Christian faith formed a permeating influence in their life, leading to honorable relations in business as well as social circles.

His political views accorded with Whig principles in his early manhood, and he afterward became a stanch abolitionist, so that when the Republican party was formed to prevent the extension of slavery, he joined its ranks, and continued to advocate its principles throughout his remaining days. He was especially interested in the cause of public instruction, and did everything in his power to further the welfare of the schools in his locality. His business enterprise, keen discernment, and sound judgment proved the basis of a success which was as gratifying as honorable, for he accumulated a fortune. To his children he was most liberal, giving to each of his sons a farm.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Archer were born the following named: George, a resident farmer of Salinas county, Cal.; William, who follows agricultural pursuits in the same county; Nancy, the wife of E. L. Thomas, a farmer of Yellow Springs township; Edwin G.; DeWitt T., of California; John, a farmer of Stockton, Cal.; and Elizabeth, the wife of Milton Thomas, who is residing in Los Angeles.

Edwin G. Archer was a lad of eleven summers when brought by his parents to

Iowa, and upon the home farm he was reared to manhood, pursuing his education in the public schools, and thus becoming well equipped for life's practical duties. He remained with his father until he was twenty-one years of age, and then received from him a grant of one hundred and sixty acres of raw land on Section 32, Yellow Springs township. Immediately afterward he began the development of the property, and resided thereon up to the time of his death, the farm being still in possession of his widow.

As the years passed by, however, he made investment in other real estate, and eventually became the owner of about one thousand acres. He was extensively engaged in tilling the soil and in stock-raising, and the volume and importance of his business interests made him one of the foremost representatives of agricultural life in Iowa.

It is to this great department of labor that the State largely owes its prosperity and upbuilding, and in this connection Mr. Archer was a representative second to none in Des Moines county, and hardly surpassed throughout the commonwealth.

In 1870 he began the breeding of Short-horn cattle, purchasing his first thoroughbreds in that year. He became owner of three animals bought of Mr. Miller, of West Liberty, Iowa, and he continued in the business throughout his remaining days. He always had a good herd of thoroughbred cattle, and in more recent years he gave his attention largely to the breeding of thoroughbred horses, his first purchase being made in Kentucky, in 1879. Most of his importations came from that State, and his annual sales for many years averaged more than five thousand dollars. He often had as high as one hundred head of fine horses on

his farm at a time, and he did his own shipping. He was an excellent judge of stock, and through his business interests became widely known, not only in Des Moines county and in Iowa, but in other States as well; and was held in high esteem for his honorable business methods. Although he never trained horses for the track himself, some of his stock made good records on the track.

Feb. 20, 1851, Mr. Archer was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Talbot, a daughter of Aquilla and Emily Talbot, of Kentucky. Mrs. Archer was born in Shelby county, Kentucky, July 1, 1829, and when three or four years of age was brought to Indiana by her parents, who settled in Putnam county, where her father purchased land. The year of their arrival in Indiana was 1832, and in 1842 they came to Des Moines county, Iowa.

Mrs. Archer remembers many of the hardships and experiences of pioneer life. The family home was a log cabin, which stood for many years as a mute reminder of the early days, showing through contrast the progress and improvements of to-day. Her father met with a creditable measure of prosperity in his farming operations, and became a representative citizen of the locality in which he made his home.

Mrs. Archer was one of a family of twelve children, seven sons and five daughters, of whom four sons and two daughters are yet living. Like the other members of the household, she acquired her education in the early subscription school of pioneer times. She was also carefully trained to the work of the household, and was thus well prepared to take charge of a home of her own at the time of her marriage.

Thirteen children were born of this mar-

riage, of whom eleven are now living: James Madison, born March 4, 1852, is now living near Aurora, Nebr., where he follows farming, and is married; George Henry, born Nov. 6, 1853, is living on the home place; Charles, born March 11, 1855, resides near Great Bend, Kans.; Emily, born July 27, 1859, is the wife of John T. Williams, a railroad man, living at Oakland, Cal.; John F., born Aug. 10, 1861, makes his home south of Mediapolis; Thomas, born April 2, 1863, is living in Clyde, Mo.; Samuel, born March 24, 1865, resides near Gardner City, Kans.; Nancy A., commonly called Birdie, born Jan. 19, 1867, is living in Howard county, Nebr.; William, born Feb. 24, 1869, is a resident of Colorado; Jennie, born Dec. 13, 1870, is the wife of William J. Lane, a farmer, near Mediapolis; Ida, born Feb. 6, 1875, is the wife of Edward Robinson, who follows farming near Mediapolis; and two children who died in infancy.

The father passed away Oct. 24, 1902, and was buried in Linn Grove cemetery, where a family monument has been erected to his memory. He was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church from the age of twenty-one years, lived an earnest, consistent Christian life, and for many years served as elder in his church.

In politics he was a Republican, and ever loyal to the principles which he believed concern the duties of citizenship. For eight or nine years prior to his demise he was in poor health, and his son conducted the farm during that time.

He was a man of clean, upright character, of innate refinement and culture, and broad humanitarian principles. He desired the betterment of conditions, the alleviation of all that works hardship to mankind, and was

the champion of truth, justice, and right. His genuine worth, his unflinching honesty, and his helpful interest in public affairs, all made him an honored citizen, and won for him the unqualified regard of many friends.

Mrs. Archer is also a member of the church, and her children are Christian people, holding membership in various denominations. In March, 1902, she removed to Mediapolis, where she purchased a commodious and attractive residence. She is still very active in church work, and is widely and favorably known here, occupying an enviable position in social circles.

HIRAM SPURLOCK HARRIS.

THE name which forms the title of this article is well worthy of a place in the present volume, as the representative of a family widely known in connection with commercial interests of Des Moines county,—a family which has made its name the symbol for success, loyalty, and devotion in many other States of our nation. Hiram Spurlock Harris, who as a pioneer in the development of the river navigation and allied industries of Iowa contributed in large measure to the substantial upbuilding and progress of the commerce of the State, was descended from stanch, patriotic Revolutionary ancestry.

James Harris, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, and founder of this branch of the family, was a native of North Carolina, of Irish descent, and was a soldier in the War of the Revolution. He was well advanced in years at the

time of his death, dying in Tennessee, in which State he lived after the close of the Revolution. He had four sons and one daughter.

The daughter, Betsey, commonly called "Aunt Betsey," was born in Tennessee. After her marriage to Robert Walker, she went with him to Columbus, Ky., where they made their home. They were very successful, accumulating considerable property. During the Civil War they were driven out of their beautiful home in Columbus by the Union soldiers, and about a year later Mrs. Walker died near Nashville, where they had taken refuge, at an advanced age.

Her brother, William Harris, uncle to our subject, moved from Tennessee to Illinois at an early day, even before it was a territory, and ran a ferry-boat across the Mississippi at Cape Girardeau. Subsequently he moved to Helena, Ark., where he lived until the time of his death, some years before the Civil War.

David K. Harris, son of James, and father of the subject of this article, was born in Tennessee, but at an early age moved to Kentucky. He was a merchant in Kentucky in early life, and when the War of 1812 broke out, he sustained the reputation for bravery and patriotism gained for the Harris name by his father, James Harris, the Revolutionary hero, by becoming a participant. Afterward his friends and fellow-countrymen showed their appreciation of his integrity and valor by sending him to the Kentucky State Senate for term after term, until he had served in that position for sixteen years.

Seeing the great advantage being offered by the new lands being settled in

the West, he moved to Polk county, Iowa, in 1845, before Iowa was admitted to the Union, and that same fall took up his abode in Burlington. Here, as in his old home in Kentucky, his force of character and integrity gave such confidence to those who came in contact with him, that they showed their recognition of his ability by bestowing upon him honor after honor. He was justice of the peace for sixteen years, also served as city alderman for Burlington, and held various other official positions of prominence and trust.

In his early manhood, David K. Harris was married to Anne Spurlock, a native of Virginia, and a daughter of John Spurlock, another hero of the Revolutionary War, in which he was a chaplain. John Spurlock was of English descent, though he himself was a native of Virginia. He lived to a good old age, and had a family of four sons and six daughters to help spread his good influence. His occupation through life was that of a minister, and being a man of strong character, he was a power for good in his day. His daughter Anne, Mrs. Harris, showed the results of this earnest Christian teaching, being always one of the most faithful of the workers in the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris were both stanch members of the Christian church. David K. Harris was an elder in the church, and they had the pleasure of entertaining at their home in this city the well-known pioneer minister, Alexander Campbell.

As early as 1848, Mr. and Mrs. Harris purchased the premises afterward occupied by his son, Hiram Spurlock Harris, and now by Miss Birdie A. Harris. There they lived until the death of Mr.

Harris in 1860, aged seventy-four years. His wife survived him some ten years. To them were born five sons and eight daughters, of whom three, Elizabeth, Hiram S., and James L., lived to be well past middle life, James being still living.

James L., brother to Hiram S., was born in Kentucky in 1839, and was only eleven years of age when the family came to Burlington. The journey to the new home was made by all on the same flatboat, coming down the Big Sandy River in Kentucky, down the Ohio, and up the Mississippi to Burlington. Some of the pieces of furniture and some vases that were brought on that trip are now in possession of Miss Birdie A. Harris.

After growing to manhood, James L. Harris ran, built, and owned several steamboats that ran on the river. He had the "Annie Gordon," "Gussie Gordon," "Petrel," and "Penguin." Now at the age of sixty-six he has been retired for some time.

Hiram S. Harris, the immediate subject of this article, was born at Prestonburg, Ky., March 13, 1833, and was only twelve years old when he came to Iowa with his parents. He lived in Iowa from that time till his death, living forty-eight years of the time in one house. During forty-five years of this time he was interested in upbuilding the navigation interests of the Mississippi, being engaged first in rafting, later in steamboating on the river. He kept up his interest in steamboating even after he became owner and manager of the hotel known as the Harris House.

July, 1855, Mr. Harris was united in marriage to Elizabeth Marshall, daughter of a Scotchman, Henry Marshall, who

lived in New Wilmington, Pa. Elizabeth Marshall was born in New Wilmington in 1835, and died in Burlington, July 27, 1892. She was an amiable woman, beloved by all who knew her, and having an influence for good over all who came in contact with her. She was a devoted member of the Presbyterian church. She and Mr. Harris had a long, happy, prosperous married life together, and did much in many ways to advance the welfare of their home city. Mr. Harris's efforts towards the improvement of river navigation, as well as in the conducting of his hotel, did much towards raising Burlington to her present position of commercial importance. While Mr. Harris found his time so taken up with commercial interests that he could never wish to ask for political preferment, he was a staunch believer in and a supporter of the principles of the Democratic party.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harris were born four children, two sons and two daughters: John M., who died at the age of eighteen months; David Kelsey, born Dec. 29, 1858, died Feb. 22, 1903; Ida June, died Aug. 23, 1894, at the age of twenty-one years, and Birdie A., present owner of Harris Hotel.

David Kelsey Harris was educated in the Burlington High School, and was trained to a business career. He had charge of the hotel from the time he was fifteen years old until the time of his death at the age of forty-five. He traveled a great deal for pleasure, visiting California, Canada, Yellowstone Park, and other places of interest in our country.

Since the death of David K. Harris, in 1903, the management of the hotel has

devolved upon Miss Birdie A. Harris, who was also educated in the Burlington high school. In this work she has, by her good management, shown herself to be possessed of fine executive ability, as well as a social disposition, which has done much to bring about the high degree of success which she has attained. In consequence of these qualities she enjoys to-day the admiration and respect of those who know her, for the uprightness and strict integrity which mark her life record; while her personal loyalty and the social virtues of her character have made her a host of friends. All in all, she is a worthy descendant of ancestors who have written fair pages on the nation's history.

FRANK X. KUECHEN.

FRANK X. KUECHEN, although born in the German Empire, has been a citizen of Burlington, Iowa, for over fifty years. His personal efforts and his championship of many public measures have resulted in the city's benefit and upbuilding. For ten years he was an honored councilman of the city, discharging all of the duties in a very satisfactory manner. He was connected with several of the leading dry-goods houses also for over twenty-five years, whereby he established a reputation as a salesman of great ability.

Frank Xavier Kuechen is a son of Arnold and Mary (Von Stephen) Kuechen, and was born in Aix la Chapelle, Germany, March 4, 1834. His parents were also natives of Aix la Chapelle, Germany, and came to America by way of New Orleans

in an old-time sailing vessel in the year 1848. In those days it took a much longer time to make a voyage to the New World than it does at present, and yet Mr. Kuechen's parents made the trip in about fifty-five days, which was much shorter than many who came about the same year. His mother was a daughter of Francis and Maria Von Stephen, both natives of Aix la Chapelle, Germany, where they kept a hotel for many years. Mr. Kuechen's father was a cloth maker in Germany, where he had a large woolen factory, and our subject is in possession of a piece of cloth that his father made for a suit of clothes for Napoleon. This woolen factory was destroyed by fire in 1847, and as most of the factory and contents were a total loss, little or nothing remained for them to bring to America. The parents of our subject settled in West Point, Lee county, Iowa, where his father opened a general store, which he conducted for a number of years with much success.

Of the thirteen children born to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Kuechen, parents of Frank X., nine were born in Germany and four in West Point, Iowa. One of their sons died on the sea when coming to this country, and all of the others have passed away but our subject, and Clara, who is now the widow of the late August Litmer, of the well-known firm of Litmer Brothers, dealers in oil to a very large extent, in Cincinnati, Ohio. Gustavus Kuechen, brother of Frank X., of this review, was a prominent surgeon in the Civil War, and was a graduate of a New York medical college. After the war was over, he located in Keokuk, Iowa, where he stood at the head of his profession and where he was greatly respected and beloved by rich and poor

alike. Words can hardly express the great charity of his big heart, and with what success his practice was conducted till death overtook him about 1870. The parents of Mr. Kuechen are also dead.

Mr. Kuechen first attended school in the kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany, and later pursued his studies in a fine college in Germany, where he became very proficient in Latin, Greek, and French, and graduated with great credit to his teachers and parents. After coming to West Point with his parents he remained there one year and then went to St. Louis, Mo., where he went into a wholesale grocery store and remained there till the cholera broke out, when he became bookkeeper in a large castor oil store for one year. May 1, 1852, Mr. Kuechen came to Burlington and accepted a position as clerk in W. H. Postlewaite's general store, in whose employ he remained for nine years. While in Mr. Postlewaite's employ the dress goods known as French merino was first brought to Iowa. He then clerked in what was called "The People's Store," which was owned by a Mr. Perkins. For the next fifteen years he was head clerk in the C. B. E. C. & A. Parsons dry-goods store, where he acquired a large trade. Upon leaving the Parsons store Mr. Kuechen was an employee in the well-known dry-goods store of Greenbaum & Schroeder, where he remained till this firm failed. The above two firms are all dead except Mr. Edward Parsons, of Dixon, Ill., and Mr. Schroeder, of Chicago.

On Dec. 29, 1861, Mr. Kuechen was married to Miss Martha Saloma Linn, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Swineheart) Linn, whose parents were born in Ohio, came to Iowa in the early pioneer

times, and settled near New London. The father opened a store and located his family on a farm near by. Mrs. Linn died in 1843, in New London, when Mrs. Kuechen was only two years of age, when her oldest sister, Emeline Linn took upon herself the responsibility of Mrs. Kuechen's childhood. Mr. Linn passed away in August, 1881. They were the parents of nine children, all of whom are dead but Mrs. Kuechen, wife of our subject, a sister and a brother. Mrs. Kuechen was born in Sommerset, Perry county, Ohio (which was also the home of Phil. Sheridan), May 14, 1839. When Mrs. Kuechen was married, her sister Emeline went to live with her, and there made her home until death took her to her heavenly home, Oct. 31, 1900.

Elizabeth Linn, sister of Mrs. Kuechen, married Mr. Davis, of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, who was one of the founders of the Iowa Wesleyan University of Mt. Pleasant, and who also contributed largely to the erection and support of the same. It was in this university that Mrs. Kuechen received her education. Sylvania J. Linn resides in Los Angeles, Cal.

By the second marriage of Mr. Linn to Miss Rhode Marlow, five daughters were born, of whom four are living: Catherine, wife of William Banister, of Atchison, Kans.; Irene, who married George Ramsay, of Des Moines county; Alma, wife of Malin Gladman, is dead, and Mr. Gladman married her sister Jennie for his second wife, and resides in Hastings, Nebr.; and Mary, wife of Wm. Whaley, of Boston, Mass.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Kuechen seven children have been born: Walter, who died in infancy; Emma Sybilla, wife of Albert

Edward Reid, a merchant of Walla Walla, Wash. They have three children, Martha Amarilla, Albert, and Paul Kuechen. Elizabeth Linn, a successful teacher of the third grade in South Hill school; Abigail Parsons, who married Robert Wilson Robinson, a conductor on the railroad. They have three children: Robert Wilson, Jr., Francis Clarence, and James Richard. Delia French, a valued teacher in the Saunderson School in Burlington; Francis Albert, an efficient postal clerk; Clarence Sylvania, a machinist, located in Denver, Colo. Mr. and Mrs. Kuechen and family are devoted members of the Methodist church, and take much pleasure in supporting the same.

Fraternally, Mr. Kuechen is a mason of the third degree. He is a strong Democrat, and has served the city in several offices. In 1864 he was elected alderman, which office he filled to the satisfaction of all for ten years. During this time he saw the city improve a great deal — many hollows which were very unsightly were filled, and miles of macadamizing were laid. Along in the early '70's Mr. Kuechen and Mr. L. Teedrick were sent as a committee from the council to Columbus, Ohio, to investigate the water works of that city, as the question of water works was being agitated to a great extent at that time. Mr. Kuechen also acted as mayor pro tem to fill the vacancy of L. Teedrick. During the last few years he has been township clerk several times. Owing to the poor health of Mr. Kuechen he is retired from active business, and is spending the evening of his busy life with his family at his ideal cottage, 143 South Eighth Street, surrounded by his faithful wife, who is a lady of much culture and refinement, and his

loving children, whose sole aim is to shed comfort and happiness around him. The rare business qualifications of Mr. Kuechen have always been recognized by the community, and his enterprising spirit for the general improvement of the city has been an inspiration to many, while the large warm heart possessed by him has made for him friends by the hundred.

JOHN B. HUNT.

THERE is no family which has been longer in Des Moines county, or is more prominent and universally respected, than the Hunt family. Their ancestry can be traced back to noble men and women who came from England over a hundred years ago. Of this large family five brothers,—Jesse, Charles Wesley, Samuel, Claibourne, and John B.—came to Iowa in the early '30's, and settled on farms close to each other in what was known as the Hunt Settlement, about three miles from the city. A sketch of the Hunt family will be found in connection with that of William B. Hunt, on another page in this book.

Jesse Hunt, father of our subject, was born in Tennessee in 1807, and in 1813 went to Edwardsville, Bond county, Ill., for a number of years freighting from there to St. Louis with ox-teams. He later entered a large tract of land in McDonough county, Illinois, where he was engaged in farming till the whites opened Iowa for settlement, in 1833, when he took advantage of the liberal offer of the government and pre-empted a farm of about five hundred acres in Sections 7

and 18, Burlington township, which place he greatly improved from year to year, mostly with his own hands.

In those early pioneer days a farmer did not have the convenient tools to work with that he has to-day, but had to content himself with a common saw and ax. One of the first log buildings that Mr. Hunt built, with nothing but an ax, is still standing on the old home place, where his son takes the best of care of it. Mrs. Hunt joined her husband in 1834, and they were blessed with five children, of whom three are living: Mary, the widow of Ellison Smith of Danville, Iowa; Illinois, the wife of William Smith, of Richmond, Iowa; and John, of this review.

Mrs. Hunt was a woman of much force of character, and though she endured with her husband the many hardships of frontier life, yet she bore all in a kind and patient manner, and was a woman beloved by one and all. Her death, which occurred June 25, 1871, was deplored by many. Mr. Hunt survived his wife nearly twenty-two years, his death occurring July 16, 1893.

During his residence of sixty years on this one farm in Des Moines county, Mr. Hunt made vast changes and substantial improvements till at the time of his death it was considered one of the best farms of the county. He was a very plain and unpretentious man, but an exceedingly kind and obliging neighbor, ever willing to assist those about him who met with reverses. His whole life was one of honor and uprightness, and when his earthly labors were finished many were led to say that the world was made better and brighter by his life.

Our subject was born on his father's farm in Des Moines county, Iowa, Aug. 8, 1845, and received his education in the district schools of the county. He remained with his father till the latter passed away, when he bought the home farm, and still resides there. He is very much attached to the place, and keeps it much the same as his parents did, being extensively engaged in farming and stock-raising.

Like his father, Mr. Hunt is a good Democrat, but does not take an active part in politics. He is well posted on all of the issues of the day, being a great reader. Of much reserve and dignity, he constantly reaches out to the poor and needy without his right hand knowing what his left hand doeth. His business life has always been just and pure, and there is no one in the county more esteemed and respected than Mr. Hunt and his good wife.

ANTON LAUER.

ANTON LAUER, a retired farmer, now living at 1715 South Street, in Burlington, was born in Crimea, in Russia, Feb. 8, 1833, his parents being Anton and Johanna (Basler) Lauer. He pursued his education in the public schools there, and at the age of sixteen years came to America, making the voyage on a sailing vessel by way of the Black and Mediterranean Seas through the Straits of Gibraltar, and across the Atlantic to New York City, where he arrived after one hundred and four days spent on the water. He then traveled across the country to Cleveland, Ohio, where he remained until

1850, and in that year came to Burlington, arriving here about the time of the cholera epidemic. The journey to America and the subsequent removals were made in company with his parents and their family. Several of the people who came with them to Iowa died of cholera in Burlington, but the Lauer family fortunately escaped. Not long after their arrival the father purchased one hundred and fifteen acres of land four miles southwest of Burlington, at the Hunt Settlement, and there the family lived for a long time. The mother passed away about three months after they took up their abode on the farm, but the father reached the advanced age of eighty-five years. Eventually he sold his farm to his son Anton, and removed to Burlington, where he engaged in business, and at a still later day he went to Davis County, Iowa, where he purchased three hundred and twenty acres of land, making his home thereon for a number of years. At length he sold that property, and bought one hundred and forty acres at Augusta, Iowa, and following the death of his second wife he made his home with his son, passing away in May, 1897, at the age of eighty-five years. The children of his first marriage are as follows: Anton; Theobald, who died at the age of sixty-four years; Lydia, the wife of Christian Meyers, of Burlington; and Adolph, who is an insurance agent, in Burlington. For his second wife, the father chose Henrietta Krueger, and their children are: Mrs. Julia Stark, the deceased wife of a Presbyterian minister; Edward, deceased; Charles, Fred, and Ferdinand, all living in Winfield, Iowa; Lincoln, a dentist of California; Herman, who when last heard from was in New York; and John, who is engaged in the practice of dentistry in California.

Anton Lauer learned the trade of wagon-making in early life, and subsequently engaged in the grocery business, conducting a store at the corner of Third and Washington Streets, in Burlington, in 1856. At a later day, however, he turned his attention to farming, and in that undertaking met with very gratifying success. As years passed, he made judicious investments in property, and is to-day the owner of six hundred and twenty-four acres of valuable land, comprised within four farms in Canaan township, near Mount Union. All of these are now operated by his children. He was recognized as an enterprising and progressive agriculturist, who carried on his farming in accordance with modern ideas of improvement and progress, and remained actively connected with the work of cultivating his fields until 1899, when he removed to Burlington, and purchased his present home at 1715 South Street, where he and his wife now live retired.

On the 20th of October, 1857, Mr. Lauer was married to Miss Caroline Eckey, a daughter of Christoph and Clara (Lubbert) Eckey. They have become the parents of nine children, who now live: Johanna, the wife of Charles Kords, of Mount Union; Victor, a farmer of Mount Union; Edmond L., also a farmer; Amelia, the wife of Louis Baker, an agriculturist; Laura, the wife of William Baker, who follows the same pursuit; Alfred, a farmer; Evalina, the wife of John Keitzer, a farmer; Anton, who is also engaged in the tilling of the soil; and Martha, the wife of Ernest Kurrle, of Burlington.

In his political views Mr. Lauer has been a stanch Republican since casting his first presidential vote for John C. Fremont, supporting each nominee at the head of the

ticket since that time. He was elected time and again as treasurer of his school district, and held that office for twenty-five years. He is a man whose business and political integrity are above question, and his entire life has been characterized by honorable purpose. He was for many years an active factor in business circles of Burlington, or in the agricultural circles of the county, and his careful management, guided by sound judgment, supplemented by business probity, gained for him the success which he is now enjoying, and which enables him to live retired.

MARTIN MOEHN.

MARTIN MOEHN is president of the Moehn Brewing Company, of Burlington, and in the development and upbuilding of this business has displayed marked enterprise, keen discernment, and methods of the pioneer, in that he has inaugurated new plans and carried them forward to successful accomplishment and completion. He stands to-day as one of the representative men of the city, enjoying the full confidence of the business community.

Mr. Moehn was born in Burlington, Iowa, in 1860, his parents being Henry and Moneka (Ill) Moehn, both of whom were natives of Germany. They were married, however, in Burlington, and Henry Moehn remained a resident of this city for about fifty-four years. He was one of its early settlers, and took an active interest in its development and progress. He was a cooper by trade, and embarked in that business in Burlington on a small scale; but gradually his trade increased, and he eventually owned and operated a large cooperage business,

but had retired from active life some years prior to his death. He displayed unfaltering diligence in his business career, and his labors were attended by gratifying success. The family were members of the Catholic church. Mr. Moehn, however, belonged to no secret or fraternal organizations, but wherever known in social or business circles commanded the respect and good-will of his fellow-men. He was twice married. The children of the first union are Mrs. Senn and Mrs. Muckinsturn, a widow, who is residing on South Hill in Burlington. His second wife was the mother of our subject, and there are four living sons of this marriage: Charles, who is a cooper of Burlington; William, a farmer of Des Moines county; John, of Burlington; and Martin, of this review. The father's death occurred in 1897, and thus passed away one of the pioneer settlers of the city, who for many years had been the champion of all progressive movements for the substantial development and progress of Burlington.

Martin Moehn, who was reared to manhood in the city of his nativity, attended the public and German schools, after which he became a student in Bryant and Stratton's Business College. His first business venture was in the grocery trade, and in connection with his store he also conducted a saloon. This he carried on for four years, when he sold out to Barney Nieman. He then turned his attention to the bottling business, which he carried on in a wholesale way for the old Bosch Brewery, and also for other breweries, buying barrel goods, which he prepared for the market by putting it in bottles. He was in business in connection with the old Western Brewery, and later he engaged in the cooperage business, manufacturing all kinds of wooden kegs. For

eighteen months he conducted his shop under the name of the Martin Moehn Cooperage. He then sold this business and leased the Western Steam Brewery, which was one of the oldest business landmarks on the Burlington tracks, established fifty-five years ago. Indeed, it was one of the first productive industries of the city. Mr. Moehn operated this brewery successfully for thirteen years, or until the present magnificent brewery, which he owns to-day, was ready for occupancy. The old plant has been closed down since the opening of the new one. The Western Brewery was owned for many years by the Bosch family. While he was yet successfully operating that plant known as the Moehn's Western Brewery, Mr. Moehn conceived the idea of erecting a new and strictly modern brewery that would not only be a credit to the city, but would have a capacity commensurate to the increasing demands of the trade. A company was organized with a capital of one hundred and ten thousand dollars, and a brewery and necessary buildings were erected at a cost approximating the capital stock of the company. There is not a finer brewery in point of architecture in the country, nor a plant more complete in every detail and appointment than the elegant new structure of red brick which was built by Mr. Moehn. It is absolutely complete in every detail, and strictly modern in every particular. The officers of the company and its principal stockholders and directors are Martin Moehn, president; Barney Nieman, vice-president; and John T. Bickman, secretary and treasurer. The annual output is thirty thousand barrels, and employment is furnished to twenty men at the plant, while upon the road they have a traveling representative. Five teams and wagons are

used in delivering the product to the railroad stations for shipment and to the city trade. The leading brand is called "Moehn Select," and a wholesale and family trade is carried on. So capably and successfully was the business of building the new brewery managed that not a day was lost in moving from the old quarters into the new. The present brewery was opened to the public by a big reception held in the spring of 1904. The business is now very extensive and profitable, and the success of this great productive institution of Burlington is largely due to the enterprise and efforts of Mr. Moehn.

On the 30th day of May, 1882, in Burlington, Mr. Moehn was married to Miss Julia Schultz, a native of Germany, and they now have five children, namely: George, who, having pursued his education in the high school of Burlington, the Academy of our Lady of Lourdes, and a Business College, where he pursued bookkeeping, stenography, and typewriting, is now serving as bookkeeper at the brewery; Augusta, a graduate of the Burlington high school; Martin, Bertha, and Robert are all at home.

In his political affiliations Mr. Moehn is a Democrat, and he and his family are all communicants of St. Paul's Catholic church. He is a charter member of the fraternal order of Eagles. The family home is at the corner of Seventh and Arch Streets, and was erected by Mr. Moehn in 1892. Had he desired, he would have found little opportunity for active political service, owing to the demands made upon his time and attention by his constantly growing business. However, in all matters of citizenship he was progressive and gave a generous financial support to every movement for the

public good. He is indeed one of the representative men of the city, active in controlling its important commercial and industrial interests.

GEORGE F. EBERHART.

PERHAPS one of the most widely known citizens of Burlington, Iowa, is George F. Eberhart, who since December, 1887, has held the position of depot master at this point for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company. Mr. Eberhart was born in the city of St. Louis, Jan. 16, 1851, the only son of John G. and Mary (Reichman) Eberhart, both natives of Germany, in which country they celebrated their marriage, coming to the United States and locating in St. Louis in 1848 or 1849. The father of our subject worked as a shoemaker in St. Louis, having learned that trade in Germany, and it was while residing in that city that he enlisted in Company A, First Missouri Infantry. He served four years, or during almost the entire Civil War, under Generals Rosecrans and Siegel, and while he never received a wound during the whole time of his long and faithful service, he had the misfortune to be taken prisoner by the Confederate forces, and was confined in the prison at Tyler, Texas, for ninety days, under circumstances of great hardship. He came to Burlington April 20, 1865, and was in the employ of the Gilbert-Hedge Lumber Company until ten years ago, when he retired from active life. He died March 2, 1905, at the age of eighty-five years, and his widow, the mother of our subject, resides at 1510 Mark Lane, in her seventy-ninth year.

In St. Louis Mr. Eberhart received his



GEORGE EBERHART.

education, and there he was employed as a clerk and packer in the wholesale and retail seed establishment of Barnum, Fenner & Co. for a period of three years. On accompanying his parents to Burlington he entered the Foote & Gear Woolen Mill, to run a finishing machine, and there formed a pleasant acquaintance with Governor Gear, who was at that time identified with the business. In the fall of 1868 he began work for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, under J. M. Jackson as a car repairer, and later became a freight brakeman, running between Burlington and Ottumwa. For six months he acted as Main Street switchman, and then as brakeman on passenger trains running between Burlington and Council Bluffs, until 1875, when he entered the baggage service between the same points. In December, 1897, in view of his satisfactory service in all capacities, and his versatile ability, he was promoted to the position of depot master, which he has ever since occupied with conspicuous success. At Burlington, in April, 1874, he wedded Miss Fanny C. Vogt, a native of Buffalo, N. Y., and daughter of the late Frederick Vogt. Mr. Vogt, who died in 1902, was at that time the oldest printer in Burlington, and had been employed on the first paper published in the city, the *Patriot*. He established a job printing business under the firm style of Vogt, Osborn & Snow, which was later changed to Vogt & Son, and so conducted until he sold his interest. He then started a market garden on Sunnyside Avenue, which he continued until the time of his death. To Mr. and Mrs. Eberhart have been born two sons, Cyrus L., who graduated from the public schools, the Burlington high school, and Elliott's Business College, taking a course in shorthand and

bookkeeping in the latter institution, and is now check clerk in the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy freight office; and George F., who died at the age of six years. The family residence is at 1308 North Oak Street, where Mrs. Eberhart, who is a member of the Ladies' Aid Society of the German Lutheran Church, entertains many friends. Mr. Eberhart was formerly a member of the Knights of the Maccabees and of the Iowa Legion of Honor, but has allowed these connections to lapse. He is a charter member of the Lone Tree Hunting and Fishing Club, he having been the seventeenth to enroll his name as a member, and for the past eight years has served as one of the club's directors. He is a favorite with the traveling public, to thousands of whom he is personally known, and has earned their regard by faithful attention to the duties of his position, which, besides calling and reporting all trains in and out, include a close supervision of the personal welfare of the passengers and patrons of the road. A man of fine, commanding physique and sanguine temperament, his geniality, courtesy, and consideration for the rights of others have done much to lighten the burdens and increase the pleasures of travel for those with whom he comes in contact, and he enjoys a very general and kindly regard and esteem.

GEORGE GIBSON.

GEORGE GIBSON, one of the leading representatives of agricultural interests in Des Moines county, whose record proves the force of industry, keen discernment, and persistency of purpose as factors in a business career, is living on Section 4, Augusta

township. He was born in Crawford county, Pennsylvania, July 15, 1839, his parents being Joseph and Hannah (Stinson) Gibson. The father was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., in 1804, and the mother near Greenville, Mercer county, Pa., in 1807, and it was in the latter county that their marriage took place. By trade Joseph Gibson was a blacksmith, and in early life followed that pursuit, but later turned his attention to farming. He lived for a time in Trumbull county, Ohio, and there two children were born unto him and his wife, but they died in infancy.

George Gibson was reared upon his father's farm in the place of his nativity, supplementing his early educational advantages by a good academic course, and continuing upon the old homestead in Pennsylvania until his removal to Iowa in 1865. In the family were two sons and two daughters, and one of the daughters just before coming to the West had married David F. Parshall, who accompanied them on their removal to this State. Mr. and Mrs. Parshall then located in Lee county, where they still reside. The family of Joseph Gibson loaded their goods on a boat at Pittsburg, and reshipped them at St. Louis for Burlington. They sold their property in Pennsylvania the year before, and Joseph Gibson and his eldest son, James S. Gibson, had come to the West in search of a location, visiting Illinois and Missouri. They had expected to locate in Missouri, but James Gibson believed that it was not safe to settle there, as the Civil War had not closed, and in consequence they came to Burlington. Not long after, they rented the farm which they subsequently purchased. A year later, however, they removed to another farm, where they spent two years; and it was

about this time that George Gibson returned to the East, where he worked at the carpenter's trade. In 1868 the father purchased four hundred and thirteen acres of land situated on Sections 4 and 5, Augusta township, and here the family took up their abode, where James S. Gibson, the eldest son, afterward lived, and where his family still make their home. There Joseph Gibson continued to reside until called to his final rest about 1885. He had survived his wife for a few years, her death occurring in 1881. They became the parents of seven children, five of whom reached mature years, while four are still living here: James S., who is mentioned in connection with the sketch of Allen Gibson on another page of this work; Essington, who resides at Nordhoff, Ventura county, Cal.; Caroline, the wife of Alfred Gregg, a resident farmer of Augusta township; George, of this review; and Sarah E., the wife of David Parshall, of Lee county.

The father was a Whig in his political views in early days, and later became a Republican, continuing to give that party his support throughout the remainder of his life. He was a member of the Congregational church when in the East, and he and his wife joined the church of that denomination in Danville, Iowa.

As before stated, George Gibson came with the family to Des Moines county, but after a brief period spent here, returned to the East, where he engaged in carpentering. In 1868 he once more came to Iowa, and assisted his father until the place was paid for. While each knew what part of the farm was to be his, they continued to work together for several years, engaging in tilling the soil and in feeding cattle, the business proving profitable.

In May, 1871, George Gibson was united in marriage in Crawford county, Pennsylvania, to Miss Mercy Dickey, who was born in that county, and was a daughter of John and Maria (Espy) Dickey. She acquired a good education, and taught in the public schools in Des Moines and Lee counties. Mr. Gibson had known her in the East, and also after her removal to Iowa. In 1873 Mr. Gibson erected his first buildings upon his present farm, and all of the improvements here stand as monuments to his enterprise and labor. He set out the shade trees with his own hands, has built fences, and secured the latest improved machinery.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Gibson were born four children, of whom one died in infancy. Norva L. acquired a good education, being a graduate of Denmark (Iowa) Academy, and of Oberlin College, of Ohio. In the latter institution she completed a course in physical training and literature, and she is now a teacher in South Bend, Ind. Zoie J. was a student in Denmark Academy, and is a graduate of Elliott's Business College. She is now at home, as is Clifford D., who is a youth of sixteen years.

Mr. Gibson is a stalwart Republican, and cast his first presidential ballot for Abraham Lincoln in 1860, since which time he has supported each nominee at the head of the national ticket. The cause of education finds in him a stalwart advocate, and as a director he has done effective service in behalf of the schools. His life has been actuated by honorable motives, being characterized by industry. Centuries ago a Greek philosopher said, "Earn thy reward: the gods give naught to sloth," and this truth has been verified throughout all the succeeding years. Realizing the force of the statement, George Gibson has worked per-

sistently and energetically, and to-day his labors are crowned with a comfortable competence.

ALLEN ESSINGTON GIBSON.

ALLEN ESSINGTON GIBSON, whose home, "Edgewood," is on Section 5, Augusta township, represents one of the old and honored pioneer families of Des Moines county. The name of Gibson has figured prominently in connection with agricultural interests in this part of the State from an early day, and the subject of this review was born in the house which he yet occupies, June 12, 1880, his parents being James Stinson and Salome (Burton) Gibson. The father was born in a schoolhouse, then occupied by the family, in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, Aug. 30, 1826, and was a son of Joseph and Hannah (Stinson) Gibson. When he was only a year old his parents removed to Kinsman, Trumbull county, Ohio, where his father conducted a blacksmith shop. There the family lived until James was eleven years of age, after which they removed to Crawford county, Pennsylvania, establishing a home in the midst of the pine regions in that locality. They resided there until 1865, and in the meantime James Gibson acquired a good education through attendance at the public schools and through study at home. He gained a thorough knowledge of geometry, trigonometry, surveying, algebra, and other high-school branches, and became a teacher, after which he was connected with educational work in one capacity or another through much of his life.

While still living in Pennsylvania, James Gibson was united in marriage to Miss Anna C. Frey, and unto them were born two

daughters, Alice T. and Frances E. The former is now the wife of Walter J. Hornby, a resident of Pasadena, Cal., and she has four children: Ralph W., Lloyd Gibson, Eleanor, and Catharine. Frances E. married Frank Leverett, professor of geology in Denmark Academy, of which institution she was a graduate, as was her sister. Professor and Mrs. Leverett afterward removed to Madison, Wis., and later to Chicago, where she died July 10, 1892, but her remains were interred in Long Creek cemetery, in Des Moines county.

Mr. Gibson lost his first wife Sept. 23, 1864, in Crawford county, Pennsylvania. After they came to the West he made his home with his parents, and it was here that his daughters were reared. On the 21st of June, 1877, he was united in marriage to Miss Salome Burton, of Pleasant Ridge township, Lee county, Iowa, a daughter of Asa and Minerva E. (Beach) Burton. She was born in Glover, Orleans county, Vt., Aug. 24, 1838. Her father was born near Norwich, Vt., while her mother's birth occurred at Sandy Hill, N. Y., where their marriage was celebrated. Mrs. Gibson was seven years of age when her parents removed to Lee county, Iowa, her father purchasing land in Pleasant Ridge township, where he carried on general farming until his death, which occurred when his daughter was twelve years of age. In 1849 he had crossed the plains to California. Mrs. Burton continued to reside upon the old home farm in Lee county until eighty-two years of age, when she was called to her final rest, and like her husband her remains were interred in Denmark cemetery. Of the second marriage of James S. Gibson there were three children, but LeRoy Herbert, who was born Sept. 18, 1878, died on the 8th of April,

1879. The youngest child, Mary, who was born Aug. 12, 1882, died Aug. 18, 1885. The second and only surviving child is Allen E. Gibson, of this review.

The father continued to carry on farming up to the time of his death, and also followed surveying. He became the owner of the old homestead property on which his parents had located in pioneer times, and there his widow and only surviving son now reside. He was a staunch Republican in politics, and was an earnest supporter of the cause of education, serving as secretary of the school board in his community, and doing everything in his power to advance the cause of intellectual development. In all of his business affairs he was methodical and systematic, and throughout his entire life he kept a diary, which is now in possession of his son.

Allen Essington Gibson, whose name introduces this record, acquired his early education in the district schools, and afterward attended Denmark Academy for three terms. He was reared to farm life, assisting his father in the operation of the farm until the latter's death, and is now managing the property, being one of the wide-awake and progressive young agriculturists of the community. Everything about the place is kept in excellent condition, and the well-tilled fields give promise of golden harvests.

On the 1st of June, 1904, in Burlington, Mr. Gibson was united in marriage to Miss Ella Gertrude Stone, who was born in Wyandotte, Mich., Sept. 18, 1884, and was only two and a half years old when brought to Burlington by her parents, William James and Catherine (Trout) Stone, who are still residents of the city. She had a good common-school education, and was an earnest Christian woman, active in the work of

the church and a devoted Sunday-school teacher. One child was born of this marriage, Grace, who died at birth, and the young wife and mother passed away April 15, 1905, her remains being interred in Long Creek cemetery.

Like his father, Mr. Gibson is a Republican, his first presidential vote having been cast for Theodore Roosevelt. He belongs to Danville Lodge, No. 48, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and is accounted one of the leading young farmers of his community, having a large circle of friends in the county, in which his entire life has been passed.

MELVIN DELOSS CONLEY.

MELVIN D. CONLEY, a prominent and well-to-do farmer, residing on his farm of eighty acres in Section 1, Huron township, is the son of Lewis and Betsey (Hutchins) Conley, and was born Feb. 26, 1850, in Jefferson county, New York. His father was the oldest child of Thomas and Silva Conley, and was born in the town of Leroy, Jefferson county, N. Y., Nov. 20, 1822.

Soon after his birth the parents of Lewis Conley moved to Alexandria, Jefferson county, N. Y., and located on a farm on the shore of Butterfield Lake, where Lewis grew to manhood. He was elected one of the school directors, and was appointed a committee of one to select a teacher, which he went about in a quiet way. His friend, Elder Starkey, was holding protracted meetings at Macomb, St. Lawrence county, some twenty miles away; and returning from there, he told the young school director he had

found a teacher for him, at the same time giving him a minute description of the young lady, and casually adding that she would be just the girl for a wife.

These recommendations seemed sufficient, and Mr. Conley authorized Elder Starkey to engage the young lady to teach for three months, which he did, making the arrangement that the young school director should meet her on a certain day at the landing on Black Lake, which was about four miles below Hammond's Corners. When the time arrived that he should go and meet the new teacher, he took his team down to the boat landing, and introduced himself to Miss Betsey Hutchins. She was a daughter of Bradley and Syrena Hutchins, born June 16, 1827, in the town of Lysander, Onondaga county, N. Y. Miss Hutchins was about eighteen years of age at the time the young school director and committee of one beheld for the first time his future wife.

During the winter he made frequent visits to the home of Mr. Bradley Hutchins, and March 25, 1847, he married the daughter. They began keeping house in the town of Rossie, St. Lawrence county, in a log shanty of one room about fourteen by eighteen feet. The roof of this shanty sloped one way and was made of twigs put on like tiling.

Mr. Conley burned lime, at which he was an expert, and after four months they moved to their farm of eighty-three acres in the town of Alexandria. There was a good log house of two rooms on this place, and here several of their children were born. In December, 1849, he sold this farm for a saw-mill and seventy-one acres of land, about twenty acres of

which were cleared, and the balance covered with pine and hemlock timber. They soon grew tired of this lonely and out-of-the-way place, and did not run the mill longer than two months.

In May Mr. Conley, in company with his brother Wesley, took a steamboat for the West, leaving his family with his father. They were gone about four months, spending most of the time at Batavia, Ill.; returning home they sold out, and on Oct. 14, 1851, left their early home. They had a delightful trip, going by boat from Alexandria Bay on the St. Lawrence River, to Lewistown, at the head of Lake Ontario, then by stage to Niagara Falls, and from there west to Kane county, Ill., where they located at Sugar Grove, renting a farm of two hundred acres of land, all under cultivation.

In the fall they sold their crops and started for Iowa, in company with his father's family and her father's family, numbering in all nineteen persons. They made the trip with ox-teams and covered wagons, being about three weeks on the road.

Arriving at Lynn county, they located about two miles from Palo; here they rented a log shanty, where, five weeks after the long ox-team journey, the third son, John Wesley, was born. They afterward moved to Mitchell county, Iowa, where they purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land from the government, paying two hundred dollars for it. Here Mr. Conley built a good log house and lived there till 1858, when he sold the farm and bought another about two miles away, on Rock Creek.

March 20, 1859, he started for Pike's

Peak with his brother Wesley, where they remained about two years, mining, and in the winter burning lime in Golden Gate, which then sold for one dollar and twenty-five cents per bushel, it being used in the building of the first buildings of Denver. Dec. 20, 1860, he returned home and rented his father's farm.

In the fall of 1862 he was appointed postmaster at Watertown, Iowa, in which vicinity he lived till the fall of 1871, when he went to a place about fifteen miles north of Burlington, where there was a saw-mill located, and here he remained all winter at work. In a short time he bought a little home at Kossuth, Iowa, and lived there for ten years.

In 1873 he went into the saw-mill business, in partnership with Perry Jackson, and they bought out the "Old Hollow" saw-mill, and also purchased a large timber farm on the Mississippi bottoms. They sawed railroad ties, car lumber, and bridge timber, and in 1876 moved their mill over on Flint River, near Dodgeville; later they moved the mill to various localities, following that business and farming till he moved to Cannon Falls, Minn. While residing at Kossuth his father died (March 13, 1885), within six days of being ninety years old. Mr. Conley became an expert cabinet-maker while residing in Cannon Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Conley celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at the home of their son, Dr. A. T. Conley, of Cannon Falls, March 25, 1897. In about four years after this happy occasion Mr. and Mrs. Conley both died, the former dying at Cannon Falls, Minn., in January, 1901, and his widow passed away the same year in Rochester, Minn.

Mr. and Mrs. Conley were the parents of the following eight children: Dr. Alonzo T., a practicing physician in Cannon Falls, Minn.; Melvin D., of this review; John W., is the Baptist minister of the First church, in Omaha, Nebr.; Dr. Hiram E., located in Cannon Falls; Mary, widow of August Engstrom, late of Cannon Falls, and a professor and county superintendent of schools of Goodhue county, Minn.; Emma E. is the wife of Charles Curran, of Stevens' Point, Wis., who is the superintendent of the Young Men's Christian Association of that place; George L. is a Baptist minister, located at Blair, Nebr.; Clinton E. resides at Le Sueur, Minn., where he is a practicing dentist.

Our subject obtained his education in the common schools of Mitchell and Floyd counties, Iowa. He assisted his father on the farm for many years, and in 1872 came to Des Moines county and located in Kingston, where he engaged in the timber and lumber business. He continued this for some twenty years, in various places. After living in Kossuth for about eight years, he moved to Louisa county, where he went into the tile and brick business for three or four years.

Ten years ago he purchased his present farm of eighty acres in Huron township. He rebuilt the house then on the place, put on many of the other improvements, and has lived here ever since, engaged in general farming and stock-raising. He also has a saw-mill, which he runs part of the time.

Dec. 21, 1876, Mr. Conley was married to Miss Maggie Kinney, daughter of Reuben and Judy (Spangenberg) Kin-

ney. She was one of ten children, and was educated in Rock Falls, where she grew to womanhood. Mr. and Mrs. Kinney were born in New Jersey. Coming to Iowa, they located in Worth county, near Plymouth, in 1865, where Mr. Kinney carried on the trade of a carpenter for many years.

To Mr. and Mrs. Conley has been born one child, John L., who was born in Benton township, Des Moines county, Iowa, Dec. 5, 1877, and is a graduate of the high school at Kossuth, and of Elliott's Business College, in Burlington.

After assisting for four years on the home farm he went to Winfield, Iowa, where he was employed for a short time as bookkeeper in a hardware store. He then accepted a position on the Chicago *Inter-Ocean* as solicitor, remaining with them for some six months; he then became clerk and bookkeeper of the Smith Hardware Company, of Burlington, for a year, when he went on the road for them, where he now is.

He married Miss Catherine Eckhart, daughter of W. S. Eckhart, of South Hill, Burlington, who is an electrician for the railroad. Mrs. Conley was educated in Burlington, and lived there till her marriage in August, 1900, the ceremony being performed in Quincy, Ill. They now reside in West Liberty, Iowa, and have one daughter, Frances Willard, who was born at St. Francis Hospital, in Burlington, Iowa, Oct. 30, 1901.

Mr. Conley, of this review, has been a Republican till the last ten years, but since then has voted the Prohibition ticket. He is a member of the Presbyterian church of Oakville, and has been an elder for the last four years. Mr.

Conley is progressive and enterprising, of a genial and sunny disposition, and generous to a fault. His business has prospered from the fact that he has always been fair and upright in all things, firmly believing that honesty is the best policy. He is a true friend to the community, and is highly esteemed.

GEORGE W. STUCKER.

ONE who has always taken an active interest in all that pertains to the welfare and development of the community, being recognized as one of the representative business men of the county; one who has nobly defended his country in time of war as well as in times of peace, is George W. Stucker. He is a son of James and Lanah (Cronk) Stucker, and is one of the old settlers of Des Moines county. His birth occurred in Washington county, Indiana, Feb. 11, 1840, and when only nine years of age he came to Iowa with his parents. His father was born in Kentucky, July 20, 1806, and went to Indiana at an early day, where he carried on farming in Washington county, and also worked at the trade he had learned in his younger days,—that of a shoemaker.

Coming to Iowa in 1849 he located in Pleasant Grove township, where he leased a farm for seven years. He then moved to the village of Pleasant Grove where he devoted his time to his trade until his death, which took place Oct. 16, 1881, at the age of seventy-five years. His wife was born in Pennsylvania, Nov. 12, 1810, and passed away in Pleasant Grove, Dec. 16, 1879. They were the

parents of twelve children, of whom but four are living. Mr. Stucker first belonged to the old Whig party, but was afterwards a Republican. They are both laid to rest in the cemetery at Pleasant Grove.

Our subject obtained his education in the district schools of his native township in Indiana, and in the common schools of Pleasant Grove township, Iowa. He remained on the farm with his parents for some time after he had reached his majority. Upon the breaking out of the Civil War he enlisted under the second call at Burlington, in the fall of 1861, joining Company K, Second Iowa Infantry, and served till the close of this great national conflict. He was commander of Company K, Second Iowa Infantry, and participated in the battle at Shiloh, in the siege of Vicksburg, and was with Sherman on the memorable march to the sea, having still in his possession the old sword that he carried on this march through the Carolinas to Richmond and to Washington. He was wounded in the war, but not seriously.

Upon the close of the war, when the review was over, he resigned and returned to Iowa, and purchased a fine farm in Pleasant Grove township, where he continued to live and carry on general farming until about twenty years ago, when he bought his present farm of forty acres in Section 23, the same township. He also rents another farm, and is engaged in farming and the cultivation of fruit to a very large extent.

Oct. 25, 1868, Mr. Stucker became the husband of Miss Lavina Gannaway, who was born in Pleasant Grove township, and is the daughter of John and Nancy

(Zion) Gannaway. Mr. Gannaway was a carpenter by trade, and located in Pleasant Grove township many years ago, where he lived until his death. Mrs. Gannaway also passed away in this township, and quietly sleeps beside her husband in the village cemetery. They were blessed with five children, three of whom are now living.

As time has passed several children were added to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stucker, as follows: John, a farmer in Yellow Springs township, married Miss Dora Butler, and they have one child, Bessie. Waldo E. resides on a farm adjoining the home place, having one hundred and twenty acres. He married Miss Faith Whitaker, of Jefferson county, Iowa, and they have one child, Wendell. Mr. George Whitaker, and Mr. W. W. Whitaker, grandfather and father of Mrs. Waldo E. Stucker, also lived in this township years ago, where they were prosperous farmers. Mary E., the wife of Charles Collis, resides in Meadville, Mo., and has three children, Howard, Lester, and Ruth. Nancy, married Robert Ritchey, who is a farmer of Pleasant Grove township, and has had four children, three of whom are living; Glenn, Geneva, and Paul. George married Miss Alice Glasglow, and lives on a rented farm of one hundred acres, in Pleasant Grove township. William C., Ethel G., and Roy F., all at home. Henry died when one year old. The children were all born in Pleasant Grove township, where they also received their education.

Mr. and Mrs. Stucker are both devoted members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, and have contributed largely to the support of the same. Mr. Stucker is

a Republican, and cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln with much pleasure. He has taken the census of Pleasant Grove township on two different occasions. Words are too feeble to praise such men as Mr. Stucker, who, through industry, energy, and economy, have made for themselves a competence and helped to build up a nation. The many sacrifices he made that he might defend the Stars and Stripes of this free country show him to be a man of strong principle, and his long residence and upright dealings with his fellow-men have made him friends by the hundred.

JOHN C. SCOTT.

THE last half century in Des Moines county is a period of great change. The unbroken forests have been transformed into peopled regions, and the few and scattered hamlets, thin lines of frontier settlement, have become crowded and prosperous centers of trade, while some very considerable cities have risen, prophesies of a still more crowded population and more pressing industrial development. Men who were born and reared in this county, and who are still enjoying an unabated strength and manhood, have seen such a transformation. Like Caesar they can say, "All of which I saw, and part of which I was." They have watched the growth of the country, and have done much to help things onward, as they have had strength and opportunity. Mr. Scott whose name appears above, has done his full share in the development of the community, in the history of which his own career forms an integral part.

John Calvin Scott, one of the highly respected citizens of Des Moines county, and now residing on his farm of two hundred and seventy-four acres on Section 36, in Franklin township, is a native of this county, and has spent most of his life in Yellow Springs township, where he was born Sept. 10, 1856. His early education was secured in the district schools of his native township, and when quite young he assisted in the cultivation of the home farm, early assuming the responsibility of superintending all the farming operations. He is a descendant of an old Pennsylvania family.

His grandfather, John Scott, was a native of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, who moved in early manhood to Franklin county, Ohio. Here John Henry Scott, father of the subject of this article, was born, and spent the early part of his life. John Henry Scott received his education in the district schools, and was brought up to a thorough knowledge of practical farming. Here he was married, Nov. 5, 1846, to Miss Mary Ann Doran, daughter of John and Rhoda (Baker) Doran, who was born in Hampshire county, Virginia, Feb. 22, 1827.

About a year after his marriage, in 1847, when John Henry Scott was about twenty-eight years of age, he and his wife moved to Iowa, locating first in Lee county; and a little later to Des Moines county, where they settled in Yellow Springs township. Here he bought two hundred and fifty acres of land. Later he sold this, but entered a quarter-section in Yellow Springs township, and bought an eighty-acre tract adjoining. This was the beginning of the home place which the family still owns, and

have made additions to from time to time. They lived here for a time, then moved to St. Francis county, Missouri, where they lived for a year or two, then moved to Perry county, Illinois. While they were living in Illinois, Mr. Scott was kicked by a mule and killed, July 22, 1864. After his death, the family came back to the farm in Yellow Springs township, where they have made their home ever since.

John Henry Scott was the father of four children, of whom three are still living: The eldest, Albert Clay Scott, born in 1859, died in Nebraska on his way to the California gold fields; John Calvin, born Sept. 10, 1856, on the home place in Yellow Springs township, has made that his home for the most of his life; Charles Lincoln, born in St. Francis county, Missouri, and now lives in southwestern Colorado, where he is a miner, rancher, and cattle-man; Henry Monroe, born in Perry county, Illinois, and now lives in Adams county, Nebraska, but will soon remove to Union county, Iowa, where he has recently bought property.

John Calvin Scott, the immediate subject of this sketch, has, since the death of his father, lived practically all of the time with his mother, superintending the working of the home farm. That he has been very successful is evidenced by the additions that have been made to the farm, and the improvements that have been added from time to time. The farm now consists of two hundred and seventy-four acres of rich land, fifty-three of which lie in Franklin township, the remainder in Section 36, Yellow Springs township. This land has been cleared and brought under cultivation, a strong, substantial

barn twenty-four by thirty-two feet with a lean-to erected, and in 1880 a large, commodious house built. Aside from farming, Mr. Scott has made a great success of cattle-raising, paying a good deal of attention to the breeding of his stock, and making a specialty of the Duroc Jersey breeds. He feeds from two to three loads of cattle, and raises about a car-load of hogs each year.

That Mr. Scott is a public-spirited man is shown by the fact that, although he has such heavy interests of his own to take his time and attention, he has at the same time been enough interested in the progress of educational matters in the community to act as director for the public schools of the district for a number of years. He was raised in the Presbyterian church, to which he still gives his support. In politics Mr. Scott is a Republican, and takes an intelligent and thoughtful interest in public affairs. He is much esteemed by his friends and neighbors, and takes a leading part in all local affairs. He stands in the place of a good man, and that he fills this place is no exaggerated praise. His character is high, his word is good.

FREDERICK BESSIN.

FREDERICK BESSIN, who since 1869 has been a resident of Burlington, was born in Prissen, Schousen, Germany, April 16, 1839, a son of Peter and Lizzie (Velle) Bessin. Following the acquirement of his education in the public schools, he began farm labor, and at the time he was eighteen years of age was earning but twenty-five

dollars per year — such was the low rate of wages in that country. He then learned the trade of carpentering, doing all work by hand, and he followed that pursuit until his emigration to America, with the exception of a period of three years spent in the German army. He enlisted in 1859, in accordance with the military laws of his native land, and served until 1862. He then resumed carpentering, but thinking that he would have better business opportunities in the New World he made arrangements to come to the United States.

It was in June, 1869, that he sailed for New York, whence he came direct to Burlington, where he has since lived. He was first employed in a lumber yard for several years, and then entered the service of the old Narrow Gauge Railroad Company, with which he continued for twenty-five years, when he began working for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, which purchased the Narrow Gauge line. He has since continued in this employ and is one of the old railroad men of the city, having the entire confidence of those whom he serves by reason of his fidelity, promptness, and efficiency.

Mr. Bessin was married, in January, 1867, to Miss Charlotte Bower, a daughter of Frederick and Sophia (Dierks) Bower, who was born May 5, 1848, in the same locality in which her husband's birth occurred, and who was educated there. They are the parents of twelve children: Mary, who died at the age of three years; Minnie, who makes her home with her parents; Augusta, who died when but a year old; Charles, who was previously a hostler on the Rock Island Railroad and is now with the gas works; Anna, who is employed in the home of Dr. Fleming; Lizzie, wife of Ed.

Golden, a resident of Chicago; Frederick, who died at the age of fourteen; Mamie, who died at the age of five years; Helen and Elsie, who are engaged in dressmaking; and William, who died in infancy.

In his political views Mr. Bessin is a Democrat, exercising his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of that party. He and his wife hold membership in the German Lutheran church. They have resided continuously in Burlington since coming to the United States in 1869 and have made many warm friends in the city.

He has a pleasant home at 1308 North Seventh Street, which he bought soon after coming to Burlington, and has lived here since.

ALEXANDER WATSON.

IN the settlement of the West, the pioneers had to face many trials and difficulties. They had gone far from the conveniences and privileges of civilization. Markets were remote, and communication difficult. The prairies were like the ocean, and the roads primitive in the extreme. Distances now measured by hours, then required many days, and the journey from Burlington to Chicago was a tax on a stout heart. Schools were few and far between, and when located were of very inferior grade. But the hearts on the frontier were brave, and nothing discouraged the builders of the great States that are now mighty empires in themselves. They improved the land, bridged the rivers, built the roads, planted what are now great cities, and in due time came the railroad and the tele-

graph and the mail to bring the ends of the country together. The East and the West at least were next-door neighbors; space was eliminated; time was annihilated. To the prairies came the art and refinement of New England; learning was no longer strange, and the schoolmaster was abroad in the land. The Empire State beyond the great river had come to its own. The men who helped in this great transformation should always be reverently remembered. It was no slight task—the building of an empire—that they undertook. Among them, and entitled to an honored place, is the man whose name heads this article. Living now on his well-kept, improved farm in Section 2, Yellow Springs township, Des Moines county, where he is passing the sunset years of his life, he can think back for a period of over sixty years to the day when he first saw the wilderness that then stood where we now see the broad fields and well-tilled farms of Louisa and Des Moines counties. He has seen the marvelous changes that have taken place, and has the proud consciousness of having played a man's part in bringing them about.

Alexander Watson was born in Ross county, Ohio, Jan. 14, 1822, the son of Alexander and Jane (Carr) Watson. Here he attended the subscription schools of that early day, until in Oct., 1834, his parents moved to Illinois, to what was then known as part of Morgan county, but which is now Scott county. There also he attended the subscription schools, living there until in 1843. At that time he came to Iowa, locating first in Louisa county, where he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land. Later he sold



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this, and bought seventy-five acres of wild land, which he partly improved by building a house and bringing a part under cultivation. Later he traded this for other land in Louisa county, and lived there until 1851. At that time he purchased eighty-four acres in Section 2, Yellow Springs township, Des Moines county. This was a part of the tract on which he now lives, and he has made his home there from that time till the present. He has added to the original purchase, until he now has land in Sections 2 and 3, and also fifty acres in Section 1. Conditions in this country when Mr. Watson bought this farm were primitive in the extreme, and of all the land that he then purchased only ten acres had ever felt the plowshare, while the only improvement that had been made on the place was a small log house. All the improvements now to be observed on the entire place have been made by Mr. Watson during his ownership. He has brought the land all under cultivation, and has built many substantial farm buildings, besides making other improvements as need arose from time to time. Mr. Watson has devoted most of his time to the breeding and raising of fine stock, raising just enough grain to supply his cattle with feed and has been very successful as a stock-raiser. For a time he raised the Durham cattle, but later he began making a specialty of the Hereford breed. His land is now rented out, but he retains active supervision over the farming operations on all of it, even yet.

Mr. Watson was united in marriage on Feb. 13, 1845, to Miss Lavina Ann Lee. She was a native of Indiana, being born in Bartholomew county, that State, Feb.

7, 1829, the daughter of Robert W. and Martha Thomas (Brannum) Lee. Her parents were also early settlers in Iowa, coming to this State in 1836, when she was only seven years old. Mr. and Mrs. Watson became the parents of five sons and three daughters, of whom all but two are still living: Martha Jane, died at the age of six months; David Willis, lives in Sheridan, Iowa; William H., makes his home in Cass county, Iowa; Armilda, the wife of H. R. Stewart, of Yellow Springs township, this county; John M., resides in Yellow Springs township; Stephen A., died at the age of two years; James Jonathan, lives in Oklahoma; Clara Ellen, the wife of Walter Umphrey, and lives on the farm with Mr. Watson. Mr. Umphrey is a native of Louisa county, and was born Oct. 28, 1872, the son of Francis Marion and Lydia (McMannama) Umphrey.

Being one of the earliest settlers of Des Moines county, and a man who has always taken a strong interest in all questions affecting the public welfare, Mr. Watson is very well known throughout the county, and is held in universal esteem for his qualities of sterling manhood, as well as for those more practical qualities pertaining to business ability which have built up for him such a high degree of material success. He has always taken a great interest in the cause of education, doing all that lay in his power to advance the progress of popular education in his community, and serving as director of the public schools of his home district for some time. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and not only lends it generous support in a financial way, but by the in-

fluence of his life does much to spread the influence for good in his community.

Politically, Mr. Watson was in his early life a believer in the principles then advocated by the Democratic party, and cast his first presidential vote for President Polk, in 1846. But after the breaking out of the Civil War, and since the second election of Abraham Lincoln as president, he has always voted the Republican ticket. Mr. Watson is a man whose soul is full of the truest patriotism, and when the dark days of the Rebellion came, longed to serve his country on the field of battle, but could not go to the front on account of his crippled condition. Although physically disabled from taking active part in the war, Mr. Watson has served his country well and faithfully for many years, and his life stands as a proof to those of a younger generation that the noblest citizenship and the truest patriotism is not necessarily that which is seen in the midst of the bloody battle-field, but that which serves the country by faithful work and watchful care in time of peace, when more insidious foes may be undermining the welfare of the nation while the majority of the people are resting in fancied security, ignorant of any threatened danger. That the people of his home community have confidence in Mr. Watson's business ability, in his interest in the welfare of the community as a whole, and in his thoroughgoing integrity, is evidenced by the fact that he was called upon to serve them in the position of township supervisor for a term of years. Personally he is of a genial and generous disposition, and these characteristics, together with his uprightness and justice

in all his dealings, have made for him many friends. Now in the evening of his life these friends and his children vie with each other to show him the respect, and to try to help bring to him the comfort, happiness, and peace that they feel is the due of one who has so faithfully borne the burdens of the day, and done so much for the advancement of the commonwealth. All unite in agreeing that Mr. Watson's name deserves a high place on the roll of honored names of Des Moines county.

GEORGE JOHN REIS.

GEORGE JOHN REIS, one of the oldest and best-known residents of Burlington, Iowa, where he has resided almost continuously since his birth, is a man whose influence has ever been exerted on the side of right, justice, and order. He was born in the city of Burlington, Iowa, Oct. 18, 1842, being a son of Stephen and Margaret (Bauman) Reis. His father was an industrious citizen of Germany until the latter part of his life, when he crossed the Atlantic to America, establishing his home in Burlington, Iowa, in 1837. He was ninety days on the water, making the journey in one of the old-time sailing vessels, which were not nearly so well equipped for the comforts and conveniences of its passengers as are the great ships of the present day, which plow the rough and angry billows in some eight or nine days. The father worked in the city as a laborer. His death occurred in 1849. The good mother came to America, joining her husband in Burlington in 1840, and lived to celebrate her ninetieth birthday.

This worthy couple were the parents of three children: George J., subject of this review; Joseph H., a blacksmith, who resides in Burlington, Iowa; and Mary (Mrs. John Barnes), who lives in California. About a year after the father and husband died, the mother married again, her second husband being Jacob Betzinger, a native of France, by whom she had two children: Margaret (Mrs. John Linder), who is a widow, and resides at 408 North Sixth Street, Burlington, Iowa. Mr. Linder died in March, 1889. John C., the second child, is a resident of St. Joseph, Mo. Mrs. Betzinger's death occurred in 1891.

Our subject acquired his education in the city schools of Burlington. Beginning life for himself, he learned the trade of saddlery and harness-making with Mr. Fred Lindstadt, being in his employ for two years. The next year he was employed by Mr. H. B. Ware, who was a saddler in Burlington at that time, and was the father of Eugene Ware, the well-known poet, who has recently resigned as United States pension agent. After this Mr. Reis went to Peoria, Quincy, and St. Louis, working as a journeyman in each place for several years, after which he returned to his natal home, and went into business with Mr. Fred Disque, the firm reading, F. J. Disque & Co. They had a first-class harness store, and occupied the same rooms that our subject does now, 216 North Main Street. In 1888, Mr. Reis bought out his partner and continued in the business alone, and is now the oldest harness-maker in Burlington, having worked at his trade since 1857, and has been in his present place since 1869.

His goods consist of harness, saddlery, and horsemen's supplies; also does repairing and makes the greater portion of his harness

by hand. He is a skilled mechanic, and well deserves the liberal patronage he receives from the city and adjacent towns.

Mr. Reis was reared in the Catholic faith, and is a devout member of St. John's German church. Politically, he is independent, voting for the man he thinks best qualified for office. For nearly forty years this worthy citizen has participated in the business life of the city, and during that time has so conducted all his affairs as to merit the confidence and esteem of the entire community, and no word of censure has ever been uttered against him.

DR. R. L. COCHRAN.

RICHLY illuminated with the halo of public esteem and regard is the name of R. L. Cochran, D. D. S., both on account of his long career of useful service in his profession and because of those sterling traits of personal character which have won him the universal commendation as an ideal citizen and man. Dr. Cochran was born at Wrightsville, York county, Pa., Dec. 18, 1843, a son of William and Eliza (Wilson) Cochran, one of a family of nine children, of whom all except himself and two others are now deceased. He is the twin brother of William Cochran, now deceased, who was an Episcopal clergyman, and the other survivors are J. W. Cochran, of Jersey City, N. J., in the employ of the Pacific Railway Company, and Mrs. Sarah Wilson, of Wrightsville, Pa. His father, William Cochran, was in turn the son of William Cochran, a native of Scotland, and the mother was born at Abbottstown, Pa., of Irish parentage.

Dr. Cochran's education was begun in the common schools of his native place, and continued in the public schools of Philadelphia on the removal of his parents thither in 1853. They remained in that city approximately nine years, during which period he was graduated from the common schools, and attended the city high school for two years. He then returned with his parents to Wrightsville, and still later removed to Mechanicsville, where he commenced the formal study of dentistry. Previous to this time, however, he had done some work along the line of his future profession, for while residing in Philadelphia he worked as errand boy in a grocery store for Isaac Griffith, who also practiced dentistry in a room over the store, and his compensation for his service as errand boy was the privilege of access to Mr. Griffith's library and observing his operations. The father of Dr. Cochran was a merchant, and in the derangement of business conditions which accompanied the Civil War he became bankrupt, thus leaving our subject almost or entirely dependent upon his own resources at a very early age. But the youth had before him a definite purpose, to whose attainment he brought great enthusiasm and ability, and the stimulus of necessity but called forth and developed those qualities to which he now owes his success.

He attended the Pennsylvania College of Dentistry in 1864, and then came to Burlington, where he continued to practice dentistry. The date of his coming to Burlington was Sept. 14, 1863, and the chronicle of his early struggle against poverty and unfavorable conditions here, bringing to bear upon the problems which confronted him all the tenacity and high courage for which the mixture of Scotch and Irish blood

is famous, is one of absorbing interest and valuable inspiration for the present generation. Dr. Cochran was regularly graduated in dentistry from the Missouri Dental College in 1873, he having gone to St. Louis in 1870 to take up the work in that institution.

Dr. Cochran has been twice married; first, to Miss Maria Holland, by whom he has two children: Mrs. Maude Spicer, of Seattle, Wash. (who has one daughter, Ramona), and W. L. Cochran, who is connected with the National Cash Register Company. At Burlington, in 1893, he wedded Mrs. Ella Dodge, and they have a very pleasant home at 816 North Sixth Street, where they are the center of a numerous and refined social circle. Dr. and Mrs. Cochran are both prominent members of the Burlington Golf Club, while in his fraternal connection Dr. Cochran is a member of Des Moines Lodge, No. 1, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, through whose chairs he has passed; and Mrs. Cochran is a member and has held the offices of both the Shakespeare Club and the P. E. O. Society of Burlington, she being a lady of literary tastes and accomplishments, and possessing marked ability.

The position of Dr. Cochran in his profession in the State of Iowa is one of eminence and distinction, while he also ranks as one of the oldest dentists in point of continuous practice in this section of the Mississippi valley. He was one of the founders of the Des Moines County Dental Association, of which he is now acting as president, is an honorary member of the Illinois State Dental Society, and is a prominent member of the Iowa State Dental Society, in which he has been honored by election to all the offices within the gift of the society, having been elected vice-presi-

dent in 1877, president in 1878, and afterward re-elected to the latter office. During two years he was a member of the faculty of the Dental College of the University of Iowa, occupying the chair of Operative Dentistry and Therapeutics. He was at one time offered a chair in the Keokuk Dental College, and in fact has at various times been solicited to accept chairs or lectureships in four different colleges; but the interest which he feels in the practice that has come to him as a result of long years of efficient effort in Burlington, together with the intimate and amicable relations which he sustains with his fellow-townsmen, have always precluded his acceptance. In 1903 he was offered full control and management of a well-known and prosperous dental college, but the foregoing considerations were sufficiently potent to cause his rejection of the flattering offer. Dr. Cochran is a scholarly man, and has maintained his position at the head of his profession by hard study and conscientious devotion to progressive ideas, while his skill and business ability have enabled him to acquire a competence. A self-made man, his career and his success have been such as may well inspire a just pride in himself, even as they inspire in younger men the confidence and determination to rise to the plane of worthy achievement.

JOHN R. CRAWFORD.

JOHN R. CRAWFORD, a farmer of Union township, where he owns two hundred acres of improved land, in addition to timber lands, occupies a well-recognized position among the most prominent stock-breeders and raisers of Des Moines county. Mr.

Crawford was born on the farm which he now occupies on the 2d day of March, 1858, his father, William Crawford, having settled here in 1851. The father was born near Zanesville, Muskingum county, Ohio, March 20, 1820, and followed the occupation of farming there until 1851, when he came to the West, locating in Des Moines county, Iowa, purchasing the farm now owned by his son in 1855. The land was at that time only very slightly improved, but by industry, care, and application he made it productive and profitable. At New London, Iowa, he married Miss Jane Regard, who came to this State from York county, Pennsylvania, and they reared a family of eight children, seven of whom still survive. The elder Crawford participated in public affairs as a member of the Republican party, but was never specially active in partisan work. He died April 28, 1878, while the widow still survives, and is a resident of the city of Burlington. She is a member of the Presbyterian church, as was also her husband.

Mr. Crawford, whose name lends title to the present memoir, began his education in the district schools, and later became a student in Denmark Academy, which takes rank among the oldest educational institutions of Iowa and the West. On the conclusion of his studies he resumed the work of the farm, taking entire charge of its operation for his mother after his father's death, and by his ability and energy soon cleared the family homestead of the incumbrance under which it then rested. During the first year after attaining his majority he worked for his mother at a wage of twelve dollars a month, or \$144 for the year; the second year he received \$200, while the third season he had a cash wage of \$125 in addition to a two-thirds share in a sixteen-acre

field of corn, and the weather proving favorable, he was able to reap a clear profit of nearly \$500 — a very considerable sum for a young man at the beginning of his career. The following year he also remained at home, receiving \$100 in cash, two-thirds of a similar corn crop, and the product of a five-acre meadow, and again made a handsome profit. Thus he early became the possessor of a comfortable capital, and this he invested in a farm in Scotland county, Missouri.

On Feb. 21, 1883, Mr. Crawford was united in marriage to Miss Lillie Gearhart, of Union township, a daughter of Stephen Gearhart. Mrs. Crawford is now deceased, she having died Feb. 25, 1895, leaving three children, Bertha B., James Arthur, and Ha Z., all of whom have received excellent educational advantages, and are popular among the young people of the community.

Mr. Crawford resided on his Missouri farm for twelve years, at the expiration of that period returning to Union township and purchasing the old home farm. He later sold his holdings in Missouri, and has devoted himself exclusively to building up and improving his present farm home. To this work he has devoted much time and thought and a great deal of money, investing \$1,600 in improving his large barn, building a new barn, erecting a windmill, and raising and improving the family dwelling, making also a fine tank-house of the best type. He makes a specialty of raising high-grade Polled Angus cattle, and at the present time has on his farm about one hundred and thirty, of which eighteen or twenty are thoroughbred, while at the head of the herd is a fine registered animal, whose apparent qualities are a pleasure to all admirers of what is best in farm stock. Most of Mr. Crawford's stock is registered, and one of

his important sources of income is the selling of calves for breeding purposes. He has enlarged and improved the hog house which originally stood on the farm as he purchased it, and is an extensive raiser of hogs, usually selling one hundred or more each year. In addition, he gives much of his attention to the raising of horses and mules, and his stables are well known through this section. He is a genuine lover of good stock, so that his success is not in any sense a matter of accident or good fortune, but has come to him as the result of intelligent thought, study, and wide experiment. As one who has the public interest at heart, Mr. Crawford was one of the chief promoters of the rural telephone system, which now serves the country residents of this vicinity, and he also takes part in political activities to the extent of never failing to cast his ballot for good government. He is a staunch Republican, but has never sought public preferment. He is a scientific farmer and stock-raiser, a believer in modern ideas, and by his influence has done much to aid the progress of approved methods among surrounding farmers. He is well known, and has a wide circle of acquaintance and friendship, and enjoys a reputation for probity and fair dealing which has come to him as the reward of a long and upright career.

PHILIP C. ANDRE.

PHILIP C. ANDRE, who is engaged in gardening, but is largely living retired in Burlington, was born in Miehlau, Prussia, Germany, on the 30th of January, 1826. His father, Adam Andre, was a custom shoemaker, who learned and followed his

trade in Germany. Crossing the Atlantic to America, he became a resident of Louisville, Ky. He landed at New Orleans, and went up the river to Kentucky, where he continued to reside until 1852, when he came to Burlington, and opened a shoe shop and worked at his trade until 1863, when his life's labors were ended in death. His wife, surviving him several years, died in 1870. She bore the maiden name of Philapena Weis. They became the parents of three sons and a daughter, as follows: Philip C.; George, who was a prominent grocer of Burlington, and died in 1872; P. A., who has conducted a shoe store in Burlington since 1857; and Katherine, who is also living in this city.

Philip C. Andre spent the first twenty years of his life in his native country, acquiring his education in the public schools, and learning the shoemaker's trade after putting aside his text-books. He came to America in 1846, making the voyage on a three-mast sailing vessel, which was sixty-eight days in crossing the Atlantic at that time. It was called the "Esendola," and carried three hundred and sixty passengers. Severe storms were encountered, and the vessel was attacked by pirates, but they were frightened away when the cannon were turned upon them. At length the vessel dropped anchor in the harbor of New Orleans. Mr. Andre did not delay long in that city, but made his way northward to Louisville, Ky., where for four years he worked at his trade of shoemaking. He then came by boat to Burlington, arriving in this city the 10th of March, 1851. He found here a small village with no railroad and no bridge across the river. All shipments were made by river boats. The winter of 1851 and 1852 was a long and severe one, and Mr.

Andre suffered the usual hardships and experiences of early settlers. He had two brothers, who had come to Burlington in 1850, and in 1852 his parents arrived here. His father owned about eight acres of land, and Mr. Andre had become familiar with farming methods as well as shoemaking. In Burlington he worked with his father in the shoemaking business for a time and then accepted a position as a common laborer. He acted as night watchman for many years, being twenty-four years in the Merchants National Bank, five years in the Hawk-Eye Woolen Mill, and in the Putnam Flour Mill two years. He completed his service with the bank when seventy-two years of age. He was one of the most trusted employees there, and through his fidelity to duty he was long retained in the service.

Mr. Andre has been very active in church work in Burlington. Soon after his arrival he assisted in building the first German church here, it being erected on Columbia Street in 1850. He was an elder in the first German Evangelical church from 1854 till 1864, when he helped build Zion Evangelical church and served as an elder from its first election in 1864 to 1884, and has been a member of the Sunday-school for thirty-two years. During that period he served as one of its teachers and also as its treasurer and secretary. He has done everything in his power to promote the cause of the church, and his labors have been attended with good results. His early political support was given the Whig party, but he could not vote until the time of the election of 1856, when he supported John C. Fremont. He was naturalized while in Louisville, Ky. He served as school director for one term in an early day, and the

cause of education has always found in him a warm friend. He petitioned and carried a proposition for dividing a district six miles square and making an independent district. He was also instrumental in building the West Madison School.

On the 1st of January, 1850, Mr. Andre was married to Mary C. Woolman, who died in January, 1899. Their children were: Louisa, the wife of Rudolph Cook; George A., of Burlington; P. Henry, a grocer of this city; John C., who is living at St. Joseph, Mo.; Katherine M., the wife of Charles Scholes, of Havelock, Nebr.; Margaret, the wife of George Harmer, of Burlington; and John and Frank, who are engaged in the grocery business. There are thirty-one grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Mr. Andre built his home in 1854, and has since occupied it. He bought the lot in 1851, covering one-half of block 1, which is in Barrett's Addition. The house is at 1604 South Summer Street. He has three and one-quarter acres of land across the street. He is now engaged in the raising of vegetables and fruit, and is doing a fair business as a gardener. He saved from his wages in the bank the money with which he bought his home, and by the careful husbanding of resources he has been able to assist his sons to embark in business. His life has been quietly passed, while his has been an active and useful career.

HENRY AVERY.

HENRY AVERY, now deceased, whose home was on Section 21, Union township, and who in an active and busy life achieved

a high measure of success, was born in Greene county, Illinois, Nov. 5, 1821, his parents being Robert and Nancy Avery. His paternal grandfather also bore the name of Robert, and was born March 5, 1765, while his death occurred Oct. 18, 1810. He was of English lineage, his ancestors having come from Bristol, England, to America prior to the Revolutionary War. He married Lydia White, a descendant of Peregrine White, the first white child born in New England after the landing of the Pilgrims from the "Mayflower." Mrs. Avery's birth occurred Jan. 27, 1763, and she departed this life March 24, 1849. The children of this marriage were as follows: Daniel Clark, born Oct. 26, 1791, and died July 13, 1859; John W., born April 15, 1793; Oren Smith, born Sept. 11, 1794, and died Aug. 3, 1836; Robert, born Feb. 20, 1796, and died Dec. 30, 1879; Lydia, born Nov. 13, 1797, and died Sept. 3, 1862; Margaret, born March 12, 1799, became the wife of a Mr. Wheadon, and died Dec. 30, 1831; Amelia, born July 16, 1802, married M. Millard, and after his death became the wife of E. Fisher, a Methodist preacher; Nancy, born July 15, 1804, and died April 17, 1805; and Arvilla, born Nov. 24, 1808, and became the wife of M. Anderson.

Robert Avery, father of our subject, was born in Massachusetts, Feb. 20, 1796, and was married in Missouri to Mrs. Nancy (Brown) Smelcher. She was a widow at that time. Her birth occurred in North Carolina, Sept. 1, 1798. In 1835 they removed from Illinois to Des Moines county, Iowa, settling upon the farm that is still owned and occupied by the Avery family. Here Robert Avery purchased some land and made his home until his death, which occurred Dec. 30, 1879, while his wife



Henry Avery

passed away on the 18th of January of the same year. They were the parents of ten children, and Mrs. Avery had three children by her former husband, which died in infancy. In 1837 Robert Avery, Jr., was appointed county surveyor of Des Moines county, and held the office until 1840. The records which he made at that time are still noted for their accuracy. Of their children we have the following record: Clarissa became the wife of Calvin Gamage, and is now a widow living in Mount Pleasant, Iowa; Sarah Ann is the widow of Austin Comstock, and lives with her children in Chicago, Ill.; Elijah Lee died in early manhood on the 16th of October, 1843.

Henry Avery spent his boyhood days on the home farm and attended the district schools of the neighborhood. He was studious by nature, and made the most of his opportunities, so that in early manhood he had qualified himself for teaching, and followed that profession for some time in the country schools. He also learned surveying under his father, Robert Avery, who had followed it for many years. At an early age Henry Avery also became interested in fruit raising and in the nursery business, and loved the study of horticulture. In this department of labor he became widely known, and in his home county his opinions were regarded as authority on many matters connected with horticultural pursuits.

On the 8th of May, 1842, Henry Avery was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ogle, who was born Jan. 28, 1824, and died Sept. 12, 1865. There were twelve children by that marriage, of whom six reached years of maturity: Nancy Alice, the wife of J. C. Comstock, who is represented elsewhere in this work; Robert Lee, who

died in Henry county, Iowa, leaving a wife and three children; Henry J., of Ottumwa, Iowa, who is married and has five children; Ella Arvilla, the wife of Karl Lisenring, of Mount Pleasant, by whom she has five children; D. N., who resides on the old home farm; Lora May, who is the wife of Edson Drum, and resides near the Kansas line in Missouri. They have four children. After losing his first wife Mr. Avery was again married, his second union occurring on the 14th of November, 1865, when he wedded Miss Sophia Albertina Staff, who was born near Lincoping, Sweden, and was a daughter of Charles Magnus and Marguerite (Newburg) Staff. Their home was situated in the county of Ulrica, Sweden, and was called Aquanaise (Oak Lake Point) because of its proximity to Lake Aquan. Mrs. Avery was twelve years of age when her parents came to America. They made the entire trip by water, in a sailboat, landing first at New York, and thence proceeding westward by way of the Hudson River, Erie Canal, the Great Lakes, and on to Burlington. They started on the 23d of June and traveled day and night, reaching their destination on the 28th of October of the same year. They stopped at Sunderland's old mill, for the only light visible was found there. This was in the year 1850, in which cholera was prevalent, and a number of the passengers on the boat died. The mother of Mrs. Avery, on reaching this county, went up to the old mill and asked for hot water, which was given her, and she then made coffee. The family brought with them the money which had been secured by the sale of their old home in Sweden, and here the father purchased a small farm in Union township. He had served in the army while in Sweden,

and the outbreak of the Civil War following his emigration to the New World, his military spirit was again aroused, and he enlisted in the Iowa Regiment known as the Gray Beards. He took part in some skirmishes, and sustained injuries on account of which he was afterward granted a pension by the government.

There were seven children born unto Mr. Avery by his second marriage: Ivinia M., who died at the age of two years and some days; Ivan H. N., who married Christina Helt, and died March 13, 1904; Oren Elmo, who resides near Kingston, Iowa, and married Nellie Brockway, by whom he had three children, Harry, Pearl, and Violet; John White and Dove Alinda G., both at home; Olive Marguerite, the wife of Mario Van Cranach. As the years passed, Mr. Avery prospered in his undertakings, and was long known as one of the successful and prominent agriculturists and horticulturists of Des Moines county. He started out in life amid unfavorable circumstances, but realizing that labor is the basis of all success, he worked persistently and energetically. Brooking no obstacles that could be overcome by determined and honorable effort, he advanced by consecutive steps; and as his capital increased, he made judicious investments in real estate that brought him a handsome return. Ultimately he became the owner of tracts of land in different parts of the county and State, his realty possessions aggregating two thousand three hundred and nine acres. He left to each of his children a goodly heritage, which he had accumulated by honest, persistent effort. Moreover, in his business career Mr. Avery was thoroughly reliable, and his path to success was never strewn with the wrecks of other men's fortunes,

for in all his dealings he was strictly fair and honorable.

In his religious faith Mr. Avery was a Methodist, was a most earnest and helpful worker in the church, and contributed liberally to its support. He served as class-leader of his church, and he erected a house of worship, called Shiloh church, on his farm in Union township. There is also upon the old homestead a cemetery known as the Avery cemetery, which his father, Robert Avery, donated to the township. He belonged to the Masonic fraternity, and was thoroughly conversant with its work, its teachings, and its tenets. He owned a home in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, where he lived while educating his children. The cause of education found in him a warm friend, and he was a helpful supporter of the Iowa Wesleyan College, holding six scholarships therein, and making frequent and generous donations thereto. His life was honorable, his actions manly and sincere, and the world is better for his having lived. He died Dec. 13, 1888, but his memory is yet cherished by many friends as well as his immediate family. In politics he was a staunch Republican.

HENRY RITTER.

HONORABLE HENRY RITTER is now living a retired life at his beautiful home at 1837 Sunnyside Avenue, in Burlington. For many years his activity in the business world was continuous and far-reaching, and as the result of his close application to his work, his persistence of purpose, and his honorable dealing, he has won great success and also an untarnished name in business and

social circles. He has been honored with the highest office in the gift of the people of the city and has been representative of this district in the State Legislature, which office he is still holding. Henry Ritter is a son of John C. and Mary (Kuntz) Ritter, and was born in Ft. Madison, Lee county, Iowa, Oct. 19, 1852. His father was a native of Prussia, and was born Sept. 10, 1817. After serving the Prussian army for two years he came to America in 1842 by way of Baltimore, and settled first in Smithland, Ky., where he learned the trade of bricklaying and brickmaking. His residence in Smithland, Ky., and Cincinnati, Ohio, lasted for some three years, when he moved to St. Louis, Mo., where he remained for a few years engaged in the burning of brick. Soon after this he came to Iowa and located in Ft. Madison, bought a strip of ground, and in 1847 began to manufacture all kinds of brick. He was thus employed till his death, which occurred July 29, 1885. His life was honest and upright, and he was a genuine pioneer leader. He belonged to the Democratic party, and was township trustee of Washington township, Lee county, for some years. The mother of our subject came to this country with her parents when about eleven or twelve years of age. They settled in Des Moines county in 1848, locating on a farm in what is known as the Hunt settlement, about three miles south of Burlington. She was married in 1849 and died in 1867, having been the mother of ten children, of whom five are living: Henry, of this review; John, married Anna Gahn, and is a brickmaker residing in Burlington; Joseph, a twin of John, married Miss Ellie Burger, of Deadwood, S. Dak., and lives in Iona, S. Dak., on a ranch; Mary, is the wife of Frank Weidman, who works in the Chicago,

Burlington & Quincy Railroad shops in West Burlington; Benedict V., is engaged in brickmaking in Denver, Colo. Mr. Ritter received his substantial education in the parochial schools of Ft. Madison and in Pierson Business College of the same city. He attended during winter terms only, and worked the rest of the year. He remained under the parental roof till he was about twenty years of age, and learned all the arts of brickmaking with his father. His first situation with strangers was that of a clerk in the grocery store of A. C. Cattermole, in Ft. Madison. Oct. 29, 1872, he came to Burlington, and entered the large grocery of H. E. Hunt on Main Street as clerk, and later as bookkeeper, where he was engaged for the following six winters. The summer months were spent by him conducting a brickyard for his father. In 1876 he started a brickyard of his own on Sunnyside Avenue, where he employed a great many men making all kinds of brick for Iowa and Illinois markets. After some twenty-seven years in this business he sold out his brickyard, and has been retired since 1904.

Nov. 28, 1876, Mr. Ritter was married to Miss Minnie Vorwerk, daughter of Anton and Clara (Eversman) Vorwerk. Mrs. Ritter was born in Burlington, Iowa, July 20, 1854, and received her first instructions in the private school of Miss Mercy Lewis, and later pursued her studies in St. Paul's parochial school, which was the first school to have sisters known as Blessed Virgin Mary's. Mr. Vorwerk was born in Oldenburg, Germany, Dec. 8, 1827, and came to America in 1849, making the trip in an old-time sailing vessel in one hundred days, landing in New Orleans, where Mr. Vorwerk celebrated his twenty-first birthday. He located in Quincy, Ill., where he became pro-

ficient in the trade of a cooper. In 1850 he came to Burlington and worked at the cooper shop of William Eversman, who is an uncle of his wife, on the corner of Seventh and Arch Streets, at a very low salary. By close economy he was able to accumulate enough money to buy a lot on Sixth Street, between Franklin and Iowa, and built a small brick residence, the work being executed by Simeon Russell and Henry Stansbeck. Shortly after this he purchased a lot adjoining his home, and opened a cooper shop of his own, employing twenty to twenty-five men making barrels for Schenck's pork house, Moir's distillery at Oquawka, and Sunderland's flour mill. At the end of twelve years his health failed, and he moved to Flint River township, where he bought a farm, upon which he lived very prosperously till 1900, when he retired from farming and came to Burlington to reside.

Mr. Vorwerk married Miss Clara Eversman, Oct. 4, 1853, on her twentieth birthday. She was born in Eburg, Hanover, Germany, and came to America in 1849 when about sixteen years of age, and made her home with her uncle, William Eversman, where she met her future husband. Mr. and Mrs. Vorwerk have had eleven children, seven of whom are living: Minnie, Mrs. Ritter, wife of our subject; Anna, married Joseph Fisher, and lives on the old home place in Flint River township, and has six children; Lizzie, the wife of Frank Beckman, a dry-goods merchant of Burlington, and they have six children; Clara, married Theodore Rauenbuehler, of West Point, a butcher in Burlington, and they have four children; Mary, the wife of George Kestner, a farmer on the Mason road in Burlington. Mr. and Mrs. Kestner have three children; Dr. A. H. Vorwerk, married Catherine Winkel, of

Bancroft, Iowa, and resides in Burlington, where he has been the county physician for the past two years; Hattie, married A. H. Demsey, a grocer of Burlington. Mr. and Mrs. Vorwerk are spending the evening of their lives at their pleasant home on the corner of Garden and Iowa Streets. They have celebrated their golden wedding, a blessing which falls on a few only, and were happy to have around them at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Ritter, all of their children and grandchildren.

As the years passed Mr. and Mrs. Ritter had six children added to their household; but they have been greatly afflicted, as death has claimed all of these bright children but one: Clara was born in Burlington, June 25, 1878, educated in Burlington and Quincy, and on July 2, 1902, became the wife of Nicholas Gonner, who publishes three newspapers in Dubuque, Iowa.—*Catholic Western, Luxenburger Gazette*, both printed in German, and the *Catholic Tribune*, printed in English. Mr. Gonner was born in Cape Girardeau, Mo., July 8, 1871. Mr. and Mrs. Gonner have two children: Annie Minnie, born Jan. 19, 1903, and Nicholas, born April 17, 1905; Emma was born Jan. 13, 1880, and died Nov. 30, 1890; Anna Minnie, born Feb. 5, 1882, was educated in the Burlington schools and the ladies' seminary of Quincy, Ill. She was a fine artist and good musician. Her death occurred Dec. 2, 1902, at the age of twenty years; Harry, an exceedingly bright and capable boy, born Dec. 15, 1885, received his early education in the schools in Burlington, was graduated from high school and had just entered St. Francis Salanus College in Quincy, and while on his Christmas vacation passed away Jan. 4, 1904. Although but seventeen years of age he was a very fine violinist of rare ability;

Anton Herbert, born Aug. 14, 1893, died Nov. 1, 1893. The deceased children are all buried in Sacred Heart cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Ritter are devoted and consistent members of St. John's Catholic church, of which church the former is a member of the finance committee. Mr. Ritter is also a member of St. John's Benevolent Society and the Roman Catholic Mutual Protective of Iowa. In politics he has always been a leader in the Democratic party, and has devoted much time and attention to the promotion and advancement of the same. In 1888 he was elected alderman-at-large, and held this office with great credit and ability till 1896. In 1903 he was the Democratic nominee as a representative of the twentieth district to the State Legislature, and was unanimously elected, defeating Peter Hanson, of Union township. By amendment of the constitution Mr. Ritter will hold over another term to the Legislature, as the elections are now biennial instead of annual.

While Mr. and Mrs. Ritter were in Des Moines they made many warm friends, who await their return with pleasure. In 1884 they erected their handsome residence on Sunnyside Avenue, which joins Ritter's park, also owned by Mr. Ritter, and the whole place is one of the most modern and attractive homes in the city. Since this worthy couple lost their children they have spent much time in traveling in all parts of the United States. Surely Mr. Ritter is to be congratulated upon the great success with which he has met in business and social circles. His early life was full of trials and struggles, as he began empty handed, having nothing to depend on except that which his activity and industry brought him. His days of labor were long and hard, but being

blessed with a rugged constitution he was enabled to toil on, and in the course of time became one of the leading business men of Burlington, and later was enabled to retire from active business and enjoy his labors of the past. He is a man possessing a large, warm heart, and his hundreds of friends have long recognized in him one that is true to himself as well as true and loyal to others. His record in business was without one blot, as he ever fulfilled his contracts to the very letter, firmly believing that honesty and uprightness in life are the best and safest watchwords. He is blessed with a true and loving wife, who has ever stood by his side ready to assist at all times. Her kind and loving deeds have reached many in distress, and her quiet and beautiful manner, together with her many accomplishments, have made her many friends and admirers.

JAMES VANNICE.

JAMES VANNICE, who started out in life for himself at a very early age, and with a brave spirit and strong determination met the difficulties and obstacles that lay in his path, has worked his way upward to success, and is now classed with the leading agriculturists of Des Moines county. The experiences of pioneer life in the wild West have been his, and for many years his portion was that of unremitting toil, but his persistency of purpose and capable management have made him to-day one of the most prosperous farmers of eastern Iowa.

Mr. Vannice claims Indiana as his natal State, being born in Switzerland county, Indiana, April 11, 1833. He came

of hardy pioneer stock, his great grandfather having been one of the earliest settlers of Kentucky. His grandfather, Thomas Vannice, was born in Kentucky, and lived through the troublous times when the early settlers were struggling with the Indians for a foothold in the new country. The grandfather engaged in a large number of Indian fights, when the Indians had swooped down on the feeble settlements to murder and destroy. Later he moved to Pennsylvania, and there Abraham Vannice, the father of our subject, was born and raised. In 1842 he came to Iowa, locating in Des Moines county, which was then all new, unbroken land, without any settlements, even Burlington being but a small place. Here he took up land, and made his home in Yellow Springs township, until the time of his death, which occurred in 1865, he being at that time aged sixty-five years. His widow, the mother of our subject, died in 1886, at the age of ninety-three years. They both are buried in Kossuth cemetery. They were the parents of eight children, of whom James is the third in point of birth.

James Vannice was only nine years old when he came with his parents to Iowa, but he had to assume the heavy burdens of pioneer life soon after. He had very meager chances for receiving any schooling, attending only about a week before leaving Indiana, where he went to a school kept in an old log house by a young girl who was employed by private subscription by the parents of the few children who could attend. After coming to Yellow Springs township, he was able to attend but very little because of the illness of his parents. His father was

a semi-invalid, so that from the time that James was twelve years of age he was the main support of the family. Fortunately he had a thoughtful and reflective mind, an observant disposition, and by reading the papers kept close watch on the passing world, so that in due time he became what might be fairly and justly termed a well-informed man, a knowledge largely acquired by himself, but none the less, in the broadest meaning of the term, an education, genuine and real. He has been a subscriber to the Burlington *Hawk-Eye* for over forty-five years.

On first coming to Iowa, the Vannice family settled in Benton township, but remained there only a short time, moving to a farm a little north of Mediapolis. A little later they moved onto the farm in Section 5, Yellow Springs township, where Mr. Vannice now is, and have made that their home ever since. They were among the first white inhabitants of the county, the country being yet a desolate and pathless wilderness. Indians were very plentiful, and Mr. Vannice remembers that in going after the cows he would have to follow the Indians trails. On the farm which he now owns, there was then located an Indian burying ground. Here he has met many of the redskins while at his work, but was never molested.

March 14, 1861, Mr. Vannice was united in marriage to Miss Paulina Howe, daughter of Macaijah and Sarah (Miller) Howe. She was also a native of the "Hoosier" State, being born in Washington county, Indiana, Aug. 3, 1838, and coming to Benton township, Des Moines county, when she was six years old. Her mother died before the family left Indi-

ana. Her father died in Benton township in October, 1883, and her step-mother died in this county in 1902. Mr. and Mrs. Vannice became the parents of eight children, all but one being still living, as follows: Ila Matilda, Peter, Andrew, James Grant, Silenas, George, John, and Rosa, who died at the age of four years.

Mr. Vannice has seen the land emerge from primitive conditions to one of the most favored spots on the continent of America, covered with cities and villages, churches and schools, furnishing the necessities and luxuries of life to thousands of residents, and pouring forth a steady stream of wealth to sustain the workers of many a distant metropolis and foreign land. He has borne a large and important part in bringing about these remarkable changes, this marvelous and incomparable development, this miracle which has made the wilderness to bloom and bring forth fruit abundantly. He was considered one of the greatest workers in the entire country, and bears the record of having in one season cut, with the old-fashioned cradle, seventy acres of grain. It was by unremitting hard work that he has accomplished what he has, and attained his present degree of success.

He now owns two hundred and seven acres of improved land in Yellow Springs and Benton townships, besides fifty-nine acres of timber near Kingston. His farm lands are in an admirable state of cultivation, a fact which unmistakably proclaims the possession of business ability of no mean order. Moreover all the improvements which now grace this immense farm are of his own inauguration, as it was entirely without buildings or other improvements when first purchased. He

himself broke the sod with oxen. He has become noted throughout the country for his hardy endurance; and this quality, so helpful to the pioneer, has enabled him to make his farm one of the finest in the country. He has the place well stocked with fruit trees of various kinds, and also raises a great many cattle. He breeds the Shorthorn and Hereford stock, and sells a great many feeders and beef cattle.

Mr. Vannice's family has enjoyed all the advantages of a sound Christian training, for both he and his estimable wife are consistent adherents of the Methodist Episcopal faith, supporting the church in a liberal manner, and contributing to the work of the denomination in all its various branches. To his duties as a citizen he has been no less faithful and attentive, taking part in the political affairs of county, State, and nation as a member of the Republican party, whose principles approximately represent his views of American governmental science. He is now well past the allotted span of threescore years and ten, and the life thus prolonged has been filled with success and honor, while its latter years find him enjoying the respect of all and the friendship of many because of his kindly nature and the sterling manhood of his character.

ANDY VANNICE.

ANDY VANNICE, junior member of the successful and well-known firm of Vannice & Wichhart, who own a blacksmith shop and manufacture wagons and carriages, is a son of James and Polina (Howe) Vannice, and a native of Yellow

Springs township, being born June 1, 1865. His father is an honest and highly respected farmer of Yellow Springs township whose sketch appears on another page in this work.

Our subject received a fair education in the schools of his home place, and spent his boyhood and early manhood on his father's farm, learning much that would be of great value to him in his chosen vocation in life. It is often the practical knowledge of the wants and actual necessities of the average farmer that leads many men to abandon farm work and turn their attention to blacksmithing and the manufacture of farm implements. It was with this intention that Mr. Vannice left the farm in 1891 and came to Mediapolis, where he purchased a half interest in the blacksmith shop, and also bought a half interest in an establishment for the manufacture of wagons and carriages.

In one year he bought out his partner, and continued alone till 1898, when he took Charles Wichhart, whose sketch also appears in this volume, into the business as a full partner. Their shop was built in 1900 by the present firm, and is fifty by thirty-six feet, having an engine-room attached, which is twelve by twenty feet, with a four-horse gasoline engine which runs their wood and metal working machines. The upper floor of this building is confined to painting and varnishing and storing of buggies. They also have another one-story building, eighteen by twenty feet, which is used entirely as a store-room. They are located on the corner of Orchard and Columbia Streets, and their shop is well equipped for general blacksmithing, repairing, and the making of wagons and carriages, having

two metal-working machines, as well as a number of wood machines. It is the largest shop of the kind in Mediapolis.

Nov. 27, 1895, Mr. Vannice married Miss Mary Blanche Deets, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Kline) Deets. They are the parents of two sons and one daughter, Ruth, Paul, and Raymond. Politically, Mr. Vannice is a staunch Republican. Fraternally, he is a member of the Independent Order Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen, in which orders he has held all of the offices. He was elected a member of the town council, which office he is now filling with efficiency and to the satisfaction of all. He is respected by all who know him.

JAMES W. ENKE.

JAMES W. ENKE is an extensive farmer and stock dealer of Washington township, where in trade circles his name is honored because he has ever been found reliable and trustworthy. Mr. Enke was born near Morning Sun, Louisa county, Iowa, Sept. 21, 1856. The father was born in the State of Pennsylvania, and came to Iowa about 1855, locating in Louisa county; here he was engaged in general farming and stock-raising until 1872, when he purchased a farm of eighty acres in Des Moines county, and lived there till about ten years ago, when he moved to Winfield, Henry county, and bought another farm.

As Mr. Enke is now seventy-six years old, he has given up the management of this farm to one of his children. He was raised in the Quaker faith, but is now a



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member of the United Presbyterian church. In politics he belongs to the Republican party. His wife, who departed this life Aug. 7, 1889, was born in Ohio, and came to Iowa after her marriage. She was a conscientious member of the Methodist church. They were the parents of nine children, seven of whom are still living, James W. being the only one residing in Washington township.

Our subject lived near Morning Sun till he was six years old, and attended the city schools there for a short time. After his parents moved to Washington township he was enabled to pursue his studies a little further, but when about thirteen or fourteen years of age he was obliged to quit school and work on his father's farm, where he remained till he reached his majority. He then started out on his own responsibility, first renting a farm near Yarmouth, where he remained one year; he afterward came back to Washington township, and for a few years rented his present farm of eighty acres on Section 5. As time advanced and Mr. Enke was successful in his farming and stock-raising, and was enabled to lay by a neat little sum each year, so that he soon bought this farm, and has lived there ever since. He has improved and beautified the place a great deal, and takes much pleasure in seeing that every part of it is well cared for.

Mr. Enke married Miss Mary Peel, daughter of S. K. Peel, a pioneer farmer of Des Moines county, now a resident of Mt. Union. Mrs. Enke's mother was born in Madison county, Ohio, and died about twenty-four years since. In girlhood she united with the Presbyterian church, and remained faithful to it till her

death. She was the mother of five children, three of whom still remain.

Mr. and Mrs. Enke have known each other all their lives. They started to school at the same time, and grew up together. As the years came and went a son and a daughter were added to the household of Mr. and Mrs. Enke, both of whom are living: Nettie Ermina, is the wife of E. J. Barton, a farmer of Washington township, and is the son of Joseph Barton, whose sketch will also be found in this book. Mr. and Mrs. Barton have two children: James Otis, and Lois Pearl. Emmer Lesley married Miss Cora Chandler, and resides in Louisa county, just across the road from his father's home. They are the parents of two children: Cecil James, and Lloyd Lesley.

Mr. and Mrs. Enke are prominent and influential members of the Methodist church, where the former has been an esteemed class leader for the past eight years. He is a trustee and the district steward of the church, and also the efficient superintendent of the Sunday-school. He was also elected as lay delegate from Mt. Union to the lay electoral conference held at Muscatine in '93. Mr. Enke has always given his political allegiance to the Republican party, and has ever been ready to assist in the fight for their victories, but has never cared to hold office of any kind. He is a man of broad principles and helpful characteristics, and during his long residence in Washington township has made his influence felt in the promotion of the welfare of the community. He and his worthy wife enjoy the respect and friendship of all who have the pleasure of their acquaintance.

DAVID LEONARD.

DAVID LEONARD, for many years prominently identified with the public life of Des Moines county, was born March 12, 1816, in the State of Pennsylvania, and there received his early education. His father, Rev. Abner Leonard, who also in later life became well known in Des Moines county, was likewise a native of Pennsylvania, where he was born Dec. 13, 1787, was reared, educated, and ordained into the ministry of the Presbyterian church, a vocation which he faithfully followed throughout the entire course of his long and useful life. At an early day he removed to Truro, Ohio, and in 1842 he decided that the field of greatest usefulness for the labors of his sacred calling was the West, for which reason he again removed in that year, locating for a time at Burlington, later erecting a small brick cottage just south of the village of West Burlington, where the remainder of his life was passed. He purchased a small farm of Mr. A. Bell, to which he made subsequent additions, so that at the time of his death he owned a tract of seventy acres of fine agricultural lands.

In his native State he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Letterman, who was born June 27, 1788, and to them were born in that State five sons, one of whom died in infancy, these being Hiram, Aaron, Levi, David, and Isaac. Four sons grew to manhood's estate in Pennsylvania and Ohio; but all are now deceased, with the exception of the youngest, Isaac, born in August, 1833, and a veteran of the Civil War, who is now a resident of New Jersey. The demise of Rev. Leonard occurred at West Burlington, Oct. 30, 1856, and that of his wife on Oct. 18, 1864, thus depriving the community of

two of its most valued members, for theirs was the affection of all who knew them, and Rev. Leonard combined in his character the simple Christian virtues and unusual talents which made him a power for right and for the uplifting of mankind.

David Leonard, the subject of this review, taught school for a time at Truro, Ohio, after the removal of his parents to that place, but on coming to Iowa he established himself in the nursery business, devoting the remainder of his business life to the culture and sale of shrubbery and fruit trees of choice varieties, in which he was very successful; and by the application of sound judgment and unfailing industry, aided by the reputation which he acquired for strict and invariable integrity in all his dealings, he acquired a very comfortable competence, and rose to an important station in the community. In his political affiliation Mr. Leonard was originally a Whig, and on the formation of the Republican party he became a member of that organization, for the success of which he ever after labored with earnestness and ability, devoting much of his time and effort to politics and to public life, and being at one time elected to the office of county supervisor of Des Moines county, a position in which he served with credit to himself and benefit to his constituents. Ever desirous to promote the general welfare by all proper means within his power, he acted as captain of a company of the Home Guards during the perilous period of the Civil War. He always evinced great interest in the cause of education, being for many years a trustee of Iowa College, at Grinnell, where his services were appreciated as most helpful, and he was considered one of the most zealous and efficient members of the board

of trustees. His was a deep religious nature, and although reared in the Presbyterian faith, he later entered the Congregational church, in which for a long term of years he held the office of deacon, contributing generously to the support of all the church charities and various movements for the triumph of religion.

On March 2, 1841, Mr. Leonard was united in marriage to Miss Mary S. Dustin, who was born Aug. 24, 1821, the daughter of Nathan and Sarah Ann (Carpenter) Dustin, and to them were born three sons and two daughters: Howard, born Jan. 14, 1842, enlisted as a soldier in the Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and after a military service of five months died in hospital as a result of exposure on March 18, 1862. Ann Eliza, born June 28, 1845, was married on June 18, 1867, to Abner Clark Leonard, who was born Sept. 9, 1847, son of Hiram and Elizabeth (Patterson) Leonard, and died, leaving four children, as follows: Lillia May, who died at the age of eighteen months; Nathan Herbert, now a resident of Illinois, who married Miss Mamie Helen Paine, daughter of Peter B. Paine, and has three children, Helen Dustin, Howard Paine and Edith; Abner Clark, who died at about the age of nine months; and Charles Sumner, now living with his mother, married Miss Pansy Lucile Price, daughter of Jay F. and Emma Ruth (Ewing) Price. David Hale, the third child of David and Mary S. Leonard, was born March 31, 1853, and died Sept. 22, 1854. Charles Sumner, the fourth child, was born Dec. 30, 1855, and died Aug. 30, 1864. Lillia, the youngest, was born July 5, 1863, and died July 8, 1863. Mr. Leonard's constant and extensive public activities brought him into contact with all the lead-

ers of thought and action in this part of Iowa, and he was widely known for his public spirit, his high ideals, and his great practical ability. His name was a household word in countless homes, and the genial and kindly qualities of his nature made friends for him wherever he was known, while his ability and upright course of life in all the human relations which he formed won him a host of admirers, and gave him the absolute confidence and respect of all. His death occurred Feb. 12, 1884, and that of his wife on Feb. 21, 1894, and thus passed away the older representatives of a family to which much honor is due for its share in the upbuilding of the community in which its lot is cast, as well as for the high personal character which distinguishes its members.

CHARLES JOHN ANDERSON.

CHARLES JOHN ANDERSON, well known to many of the people of Burlington as a worthy member of the Swedish element, which forms so large and valuable a portion of the city's population, was born Aug. 20, 1827, in Sweden, a son of Andrew and Sarah (Mansdaughter) Anderson. It was in his native land that he received his education, his teacher being his mother, as there were at that time no public schools in Sweden, now so justly famed for her marvelous educational system. The years of his youth and early manhood he devoted to the work on a farm, and also did considerable repair work for neighboring property owners. His parents having died a short time before, he came to America in 1871, coming direct to Des Moines county, where he worked on a farm near Burlington for

a Mr. Avery. In 1874 he married Miss Eva Johnson, daughter of John and Sophia Swanson, and after buying a house and a two-acre lot, he continued farm work, working by the day thereafter. Five years later he sold the house and lot, and purchased a farm of forty acres at a cost of \$1,000, on which, in 1887, he erected a fine modern residence. Here Mr. and Mrs. Anderson continued to make their home until 1902, when they sold their farm and purchased their present home at 912 Foster Street, where they have since resided.

Mrs. Anderson, like her husband, is a native of Sweden, where she was born Dec. 27, 1828, and was trained by her mother in reading, writing, and arithmetic, besides weaving and all kinds of domestic employments. She came to America and to Burlington in 1868, and was here employed in a number of well-known families until her marriage with Mr. Anderson. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have relinquished their part in active affairs, and are now leading a retired life at their pleasant home. They are consistent members of the Swedish Methodist Episcopal church, and Mr. Anderson takes an interest in public affairs as a supporter of the Republican party. He has been successful in a pecuniary sense, and enjoys the general regard and esteem for his fine, manly character.

JOHN WADDEL.

JOHN WADDEL, at one time a resident of Des Moines county, was born in Fayette county, Ohio, and is numbered among the old pioneer settlers, whose labors have laid broad and strong the

foundation of the present prosperity and progress of this part of the State. Traveling across the country by wagon in 1838, he eventually arrived here in the month of December, and settled on a farm a little south of the village of Northfield. Subsequently he removed to Huron township, where he resided until 1892, when putting aside business cares, he took up his abode in Kossuth, and lived retired until called to his final rest.

Mr. Waddel was married to Miss Mary Ann Howery, a daughter of John and Hannah (Trout) Howery, a native of Hamilton, Butler county, Ohio, born May 17, 1826. She became a resident of this county when seventeen years of age, and was married here. For many years Mr. and Mrs. Waddel traveled life's journey happily together, as respected and worthy farming people. The wife died Feb. 28, 1890, while Mr. Waddel passed away March 10, 1894. They were the parents of twelve children: James, who died at the age of sixteen years; Catherine, the wife of J. Hugh Blanchard, went to Oklahoma; Robert C. married Agnes Hannum, and lives near Burlington; Samuel, who married Sophia Woolsey, resides at Oklahoma; Mary, the widow of Frank Friedman, is a resident of Kossuth; William married Ella Kerr, and makes his home in Huron township; David married Eliza Williams, and lives in Missouri; Sarah Elizabeth, the wife of Oliver A. Waddel; Eleanor is the wife of Richard Dancy, and resides at Kossuth; and Susan, who married John White, lives in Yellow Springs township. Mr. Waddel died very suddenly, of heart failure, and the community mourned the loss of one of its representative pioneer settlers.

Mrs. Friedman, to whom we are indebted for the material furnished in this sketch, was married on June 25, 1885, to Frantz Paul Friedman, born Sept. 2, 1858, son of John Friedman, and a native of Riceville, Wis. Three days prior to his marriage he came to Huron township, Des Moines county, and immediately afterward went to Greenleaf, Kans., where he was engaged in business as a carpenter and contractor until his death, which occurred two years later, on July 11, 1887. He left two children: Charles Robert, born May 4, 1886; and Mary Frantz, born July 21, 1887.

The birth of Mrs. Friedman occurred Aug. 20, 1854, in Huron township, and for half a century she has been a witness of the events which have occurred to frame the history of the county. In her girlhood days, when living with her parents, the only residence was a log cabin. She occupied this until sixteen years of age, when her father erected a frame house, for which purpose he purchased the first car-load of lumber that ever came to Mediapolis. Mr. Waddell and his family were typical pioneer residents, interested in all that pertained to the welfare and upbuilding of this portion of the State. The work which Mr. Waddell did for the improvement of Des Moines county made him one of its valued citizens.

SAMUEL WADDELL.

SAMUEL WADDELL is a retired farmer living in Kossuth, and an honored pioneer settler of Des Moines county. The first known representative of the family

in America was James Waddell (for so the name was then spelled), who crossed the Atlantic from County Derry, Ireland. His grandfather participated in the siege of Ireland by the Spanish.

It was in the colonial days that James Waddell (born March 17, 1733), came to the New World. His brothers, Samuel and Francis, were soldiers of the American army throughout the Revolutionary War, while James was also in the conflict for a time.

They settled in Hagerstown, Md., and later went to Pennsylvania, near Pittsburgh, making the journey overland. From that point they proceeded down the Ohio River to Kentucky, and about twelve years later located in Ross county, Ohio, at a place then called Oldtown, but later named Frankfort. There the brothers purchased land, but subsequently removed to Fayette county, Ohio, settling near Washington Courthouse. Still later, however, they returned to Ross county, establishing their home near Greenfield.

James Waddell made his home in Ross county until his death, and his remains were interred in the Concord cemetery. His wife bore the maiden name of Mary Courtney, and after the death of her husband came to Iowa, with her son John, spending her last days in Huron township, where she died in 1845, at the age of eighty-four years. Her grave is now in a cemetery in that township.

John Waddell, father of our subject, accompanied his parents on their various removals during his youth; and following the death of his father he removed to Des Moines county, Iowa, in 1839. Here he purchased four hundred and fourteen acres of land, all lying in Huron township

save a tract of thirty-four acres, which was in Yellow Springs township. With characteristic energy and in true pioneer style he began the development of his farm, which in later years he divided among his children.

The Indians had practically gone from this part of the country when he established his home here; but in 1840 a band of about thirty came through the district, and stopped at an old log farm house, which was situated one-half mile east of the Waddel home, and owned by Wm. Rankin. That night one of the squaws gave birth to a papoose, and the following morning the party started on their way, the squaw being placed on top of a large sled load of provisions, wrapped in furs. Later the Indians went into camp on Flint Creek. These were the only red men that Mr. Waddel ever saw in this country, save two who afterward stayed all night at his home; Samuel Waddel was at that time a small lad, yet he remembers vividly the visit of the two Indians.

Samuel Waddel and his two sisters remained with the father until his death, and as the two sisters never married, Mr. Waddel, of this review, took care of the old homestead farm for them until they also passed away. He is now in the evening of life, living alone in his pleasant home in Kossuth, where he took up his abode in 1896. He takes his meals with his niece, who lives near by, but keeps up a separate household. In the year mentioned he sold the old home farm to Victor Lung, and is now living retired. Sept. 7, 1900, he purchased the old Kossuth College and grounds, and has given a free lease of the same to the

Mediapolis Chautauqua Association, which holds annual meetings there.

Coming in pioneer times to Iowa, Mr. Waddel has seen this country when it was a vast, unbroken tract of prairie; and has watched the development and progress which have since been wrought, until the wild district has been changed into one of the most prosperous sections of the country. He has done his full share to bring about this result, has aided in up-building the natural resources of the State, and has been very liberal in his support of all measures for the public good along the lines of moral, intellectual, and material progress.

He cast his first presidential vote for Zachary Taylor, and also voted for Fillmore. Since the organization of the Republican party he has been one of its staunch advocates. He has never held office, save that of road supervisor. He has long been a member of the Kossuth Presbyterian church, and is now serving as one of its elders.

Being a public-spirited man he has always taken a great interest in the up-building of the community, and its general advancement. He was an advocate for the cause of religion and education, and is numbered among the leading representative men of Des Moines county. He does all in his power, personally and financially, to help promote any and all enterprises of a public nature, and for the public good.

JOHN WILLIAM WADDLE.

For more than sixty-five years the Waddel family has been associated with the annals of Des Moines county, Iowa, and

during that long period its record has been an honorable one. Its various members have been noted for their industry and integrity; and while these characteristics have given them standing in the agricultural and business circles of the community, their kindly disposition and general good-fellowship have made and retained for them a host of friends. Men can not live the friendly life without finding friends; and those who live neighbors, find neighbors everywhere. "We see what we are." The Waddles have been good neighbors, kind friends, and honorable men for long years, and have delighted in the friends they found and the neighbors that abounded. While these principles are true of all, they seem especially illustrated in the career of the Waddle whose name heads this article.

John William Waddle is a native son of Huron township, being born here on June 20, 1851, and making this his home throughout his entire life. He was the son of John and Mary (Howery) Waddle, who were among the pioneers who opened up this part of the country to settlement.

The father was a native of the Buckeye State, being born in Ross county, Ohio, in 1817, and coming to Iowa in 1840. The mother, who also claimed Ohio as her natal State, was born in Washington county, that State, in 1827. They became the parents of twelve children, as follows: James, Katherine, Robert C., Samuel M., John W., Mary B., David B., Elizabeth S., Margaret E., Susanna B., and two that died in infancy, not named.

John W. Waddle received his education in the district schools, supplementing the book-learning thus acquired by the reading of his later years and a thorough knowledge of men, as well as of the practical affairs of the

farm and the neighboring community. He was united in marriage, Feb. 19, 1879, to Miss Ella I. Kerr, daughter of Robert A. and Catherine (Luckinbill) Kerr. She was a native of Iowa, born on May 30, 1860. Her father, Robert A. Kerr, was born in South Salem, Ross county, Ohio, Oct. 2, 1835; and the mother, Catherine Luckinbill, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, Dec. 15, 1838. They were united in marriage on June 22, 1858, and were the parents of only one child, Ella, wife of our subject. Mr. and Mrs. Kerr were also pioneers of the early days of Des Moines county, coming here from Ohio in 1844, when the country was comparatively new. Most of the surrounding country was still covered with timber and untouched by the plowshare. They bravely withstood all the hardships of the difficult task of opening up the country to civilization, and lived to see many wonderful changes, always doing their full share toward the bringing about of these improvements.

To Mr. and Mrs. Waddle has been born one son, Benjamin E., born March 23, 1884, who makes his home with them on the home place. They own a beautiful large farm of one hundred seventy acres of the richest farming land in the county, located in Sections 15, 16, and 27, in Huron township. The land is all under cultivation, and well cared for, so that its fertility seems to be added to from year to year, instead of being diminished. The farm is well equipped with the best implements and modern facilities for making agriculture a scientific, business-like pursuit. The family occupies a very pleasant home, in which they are surrounded by the material comforts and many of the luxuries, and it is a center of hospitality for many friends. Besides a general

farming business, Mr. Waddle raises about forty head of fine cattle, and from fifty to sixty Duroc Jersey red hogs annually. He is enterprising, public-spirited, and a believer in progress, and his influence and activities have been valuable to the community in which he lives. Gifted with a capacity for friendship and a pleasing personality, he has won the general respect of all who know him.

RICHARD LOGAN.

RICHARD LOGAN, one of the most enterprising and progressive agriculturists of Franklin township, was born upon the old family homestead Oct. 28, 1859, and at the usual age entered the public schools, wherein he acquired a good practical English education. During the periods of vacation he worked in the fields, and thus became familiar with all the departments of farm labor.

Since putting aside his text-books he has given his undivided attention to agricultural pursuits, buying his first forty acres of land when he was twenty-one years of age. It did not have a house on it. In 1890, having done well, he bought the adjoining farm of one hundred and fifty-two acres, known as the Thomas Ratliff farm. This was a historic old place, with a good house and other buildings, where Mr. Logan makes his residence now. He has since then added to this, till now he has half a section all in one body.

For some years he bred and sold Polled Angus cattle for breeding purposes, but now devotes his attention to raising and feeding, selling one or more car-loads every year. He was one of the organizers of the Medi-

apolis Mutual Telephone Company, and helped to run the first farmers' line of telephone in his section.

Oct. 2, 1890, Richard Logan was united in marriage with Miss Anna Todd, a daughter of Andrew and Margaret Todd, of Franklin township. Her death occurred Dec. 10, 1903, when she was thirty-six years of age. Five children had been born of that marriage: Margaret T., born April 29, 1891; Samuel A., Nov. 1, 1893; Richard W., Oct. 6, 1895; Everett R., June 28, 1899; and Nellie Pearl, April 2, 1901. With the exception of the youngest, all are in school.

Mr. Logan became a member of the Reformed Presbyterian church in 1890, but the special congregation in which he placed his membership has ceased to exist. In politics he has ever been a stalwart Republican, thus following in the political footsteps of his father and grandfather. He takes a very active interest in politics, firmly supporting every principle which he believes to be right. He has been president of the school board for fifteen years, and the cause of education in this locality has profited by his efforts in its behalf. Mr. Logan has a wide acquaintance in his township and in Burlington, and is known as an enterprising business man, whose labors have been practical, progressive, and profitable.

SAMUEL LOGAN.

SAMUEL LOGAN, following the occupation of farming in Franklin township was born in Glens Falls, N. Y., Oct. 30, 1830. His father, Richard Logan, was of English or Irish descent, and came to America from County Derry, Ireland,

about three years before the birth of his son Samuel. He had followed weaving in his native country, but after crossing the Atlantic to the New World, devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits in New York for some time. Eventually, however, he came to the Middle West, and died about a mile from the present home of Samuel Logan, of this review. He arrived here in 1851, and by judicious investment and capably-managed business interests, became a large landowner. He wedded Mary Derry, who died about 1883, while Mr. Logan did not long survive, passing away in 1887, his remains being interred beside his wife at Linn Grove cemetery.

Samuel Logan acquired his education in the schools of Pittsburg, Pa., where he also entered upon his business career by working in a rolling-mill. He, too, came to Des Moines county in 1851, being then a young man of twenty-one years, and turned his attention to farming in Franklin township, since which time he has been actively interested in agricultural pursuits here, winning a creditable measure of success as the years have gone by.

In 1858 Mr. Logan was united in marriage to Miss Fannie Robinson, a daughter of David Robinson, of Pittsburg, Pa. They have but one son, Richard, who is mentioned on another page of this work, and who has become his father's successor in the active work of the farm, Samuel Logan having practically retired from business life about fifteen years ago. However, he still maintains his residence upon the old homestead. Through strict attention to business and untiring energy he has acquired a comfortable competence, and justly merits

the rest that he is now enjoying. He has lived in the county for more than a half century, and is therefore numbered among its pioneer settlers, to whom the history of its development and progress is well known.

CHARLES THADDEUS GRIGGS.

CHARLES THADDEUS GRIGGS, serving as city marshal of Burlington, was born in Madison, Ind., June 14, 1846, his parents being William Mayhew and Malissa J. (Shepherd) Griggs, the former a native of Manchester, England, and the latter of Bourbon county, Kentucky. Their marriage was celebrated in Indiana. The father was foreman of a packing house at Madison, and was always identified with that class of work. He died when his son Charles was but four years of age, and the mother afterward passed away at New Albany, Ind., when seventy-six years of age. They were the parents of seven children, four sons and three daughters, of whom two died when in childhood. The others are Mary E., the widow of Peter Huget, of New Albany, Ind.; J. W., also of New Albany; Mrs. Eliza E. McHugh, of Louisville, Ky.; Frank M., of New Albany; and Charles.

Following her husband's death the mother removed to Louisville, Ky., and there Charles T. Griggs attended the public schools until twelve years of age, after which he entered a flour mill and learned the trade. He followed the milling business for a number of years and established a mill at Laconia, Ind., in connection with J. W. Griggs; but this was destroyed by fire in 1885. He then resumed

work as a journeyman miller at Houstonville, Ky. He visited Burlington in 1869, and being pleased with the location he established a grocery store, which he conducted until 1873. In that year, however, he returned to Louisville, Ky., where he again worked at the milling business. It was subsequent to this time that he was owner of a mill at Laconia. He came to Burlington a second time about 1893, and joined George W. Turner in the commission business as salesman and buyer, being thus connected for three years. He was afterward ill for two years, and after recovering his health he became an active factor in political circles. He was appointed health inspector under Mayor Marquardt, serving two years, and during that time there was a smallpox siege, lasting about six months. This made heavy demands upon his time and attention, for it was necessary for him to place guards, to attend to disinfecting, and establishing quarantines. In April, 1904, he was appointed deputy city marshal by Mayor Caster, and is, in fact, marshal. In this capacity he superintends the posting of notices concerning the paving of sidewalks and sewers, also watches for street and alley obstructions, and does much other effective service in behalf of the city, his offices being in the city hall.

In politics he is a staunch Republican, and has served as city councilman for two years. He frequently attends the conventions of his party, and is untiring in his efforts for its promotion. He was also milk inspector, holding this position through State appointment.

Not only in civic office has Mr. Griggs manifested his loyalty to the public good,

but also in the field of military action, for at the age of sixteen years he enlisted as a driver in the Ninth Indiana Infantry under Captain Hezekiah Brown. The company was formed to drill at Indianapolis and for two years was engaged in driving cattle and taking supplies to the army in the South, going from Louisville by train to the armies at Chattanooga, Atlanta, Nashville, and other places. On one occasion he was taken prisoner, while on a supply boat, the "Belle Lee," on the Tennessee River, the rebels taking the provisions and then letting the prisoners go. On another occasion he was aground on a sandbar in the Ohio River near Caseyville, Ky., when he was compelled to empty his cargo into the river, but he was enabled to run blockade and escaped to Evansville, Ind. At Stevenson, while resting his cattle on the march, he was captured by the rebels, who took him to the Bellefont Landing on the Tennessee River, and there he was paroled.

Mr. Griggs was married in Burlington on the 13th of March, 1873, to Miss Martha Turner, a native of England, and a daughter of William Turner, who was a man of prominence in Burlington, where he was engaged in the grocery, flour, and commission business, but retired before his death. Mr. and Mrs. Griggs have an adopted son, Rev. Archie R. Griggs, who is now pastor of the Presbyterian church at Joaquin, Wash. He married Lotta Wiley, who died in 1904, leaving one child. Rev. A. R. Griggs was educated at Center College and Danville Academy. He is a son of F. M. Griggs, and was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Griggs when but four years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Griggs are members of

the Grace Methodist Episcopal church, and he is serving on the official board. Their home is at 303 Sumner Street. Fraternally, Mr. Griggs is connected with Home Lodge, No. 29, Independent Order Odd Fellows, of Louisville, Ky., the Modern Woodmen Camp, No. 6088, at Burlington, and he joined the Masonic fraternity at Rockfield, Ky. His official service and his military career have alike been beneficial to his city and country, and he may well be classed among the representative men of Burlington.

FRANK C. NORTON.

FRANK C. NORTON, of Burlington, prominent among the leaders of public life in Des Moines county, was born in Burlington, Dec. 3, 1868, a son of Dennis and Mary (Hughes) Norton. The father of our subject was a native of County Roscommon, Ireland, whence he emigrated to America, coming to Burlington by way of New Orleans, at which port he landed. For a time he engaged in draying, and then in grain buying, first locating for the latter business in Henderson county, and later at Carmon, where he continued to conduct a prosperous establishment for a long period. He retired from this line of activity, however, and the last twelve years of his life was principally interested in board of trade operations. He was active in politics as a valued and valuable worker in the ranks of the Democratic party, and was at one time elected a member of the county board of supervisors of Des Moines county, as he enjoyed the full confidence and esteem of his fellow-citizens. His religious faith was that

of the Catholic church, in whose work he took an earnest part, contributing generously to its support. He was the oldest member of the Burlington congregation, and was numbered among the most loyal sons of the church. It was in Burlington that the parents of Mr. Norton celebrated their marriage, and in this city the mother's death occurred in February, 1889, the father surviving until 1894. To them were born eight children, of whom seven reached maturity, these being, besides our subject: John, who died at Burlington in 1897; Edward, William, and James, of Burlington, and Katie, wife of F. E. Haley, of Des Moines, all still living.

Frank C. Norton was educated in St. Paul's parochial school in Burlington and at St. Francis College at Quincy, Ill., where he took the commercial course of study, thus securing an excellent business and academic training, and one which has proved of immense value to him in his subsequent career. The first work which he remembers as yielding him a cash return was that of selling the Chicago papers as a newsboy, and he afterwards worked in a grocery store for some time, but later entered the employ of J. J. Curran to learn the cigar-making trade, at which he engaged as a workman for three years. At the expiration of that period he established an independent cigar-manufacturing business, which he conducted alone for three years, laying the foundation for an extensive business. Admitting a partner into the enterprise, he continued its operation for a further three years, or until 1898. In that year he enlisted in the Sixth Iowa Battery for the Spanish War, but as the members of that body were unable to secure the calling of their battery into the government service, he returned to

civilian life. On Nov. 15, 1904, he wedded Miss Lillie M. Miller, daughter of Mrs. Margaret Miller, of Burlington.

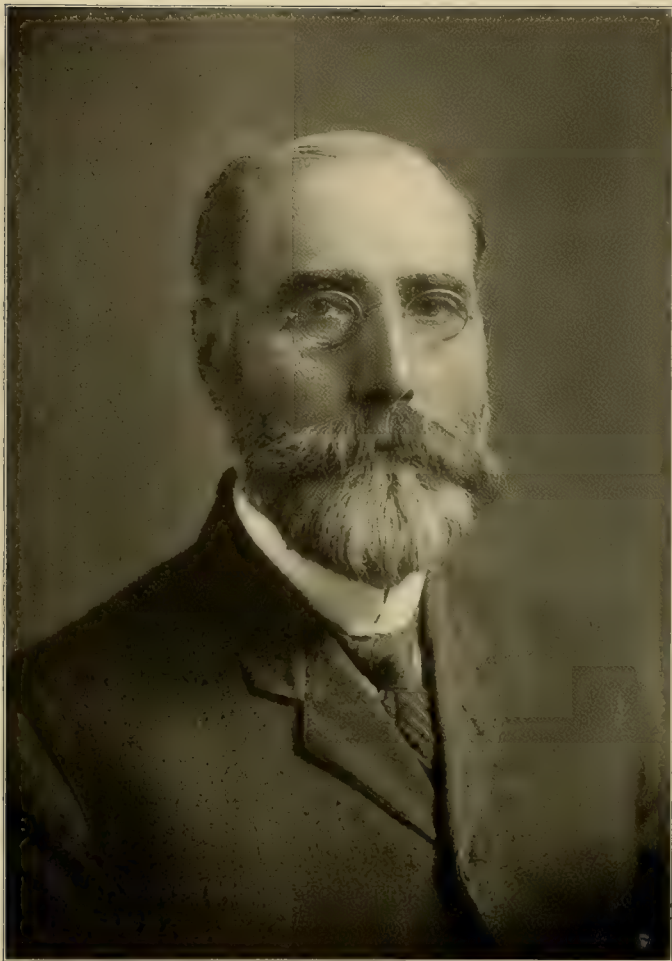
Following and enlarging upon the paternal example, Mr. Norton is a staunch believer in the principles and policies of the great Democratic party, to whose chosen leaders he has manifested a lifelong and unswerving loyalty, and he has long been an earnest, insistent, and capable worker for party success. His efforts in this direction have won him marked appreciation from his fellow Democrats, and urged by his friends, he became a candidate for the office of city auditor of Burlington in 1900, to which he was elected by a substantial majority. His first administration having evoked expressions of general satisfaction among his constituents, his party again made him its candidate, and he was re-elected in 1902, and still again in 1904. He has served the Democracy of Des Moines county as a member of its county central committee for a number of terms, having been for a short time in 1901 chairman of that important body. An advocate of outdoor sports, he is actively interested in the American national game, and was one of the organizers of the Iowa League of baseball clubs, of which he became the first president in 1903, being re-elected in 1904. He has extensive fraternal connection, being a member of Burlington Lodge, No. 84, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks; Council No. 568, Knights of Columbus; and Burlington Lodge, No. 335, Ancient Order United Workmen. To Mr. Norton alone is due the credit for his successful career, for his present honored standing in the community is exclusively of his own building, and the result of his personal efforts, unassisted by powerful influence or aught save his natural

talents and strong personality. He has a wide acquaintance throughout Des Moines county, and has gained in an eminent degree the confidence, admiration, and, above all, the respect of his many friends.

WILLIAM STEYH.

WILLIAM STEYH, civil engineer, prominently connected with the work of improvement in Burlington, was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, in the town of Kesselbach, on Sept. 17, 1845. His father, Daniel Steyh, was born in 1803, and spent his entire life in Germany. He served for three years in the regular army, and throughout the remainder of his life followed farming, owning and operating about forty acres of land. He married Catherine Schaefer, and both are now deceased. They were the parents of three sons and three daughters: Katherine, who is living at the old home in Germany; Balthaser, who resides at Frankfort-on-the-Main; Christine, who is living near Frankfort; William; Marie, who died in Germany; and Henry, a harness-maker of Burlington, who came to the United States when sixteen years of age.

William Steyh began his education in the public schools of the Fatherland, and afterward received private instruction from a teacher of mathematics in the evenings, studying also draughting. When in his fifteenth year he entered upon the practical duties of a business career by joining a government surveying party. When not engaged with his studies, he was employed in various ways—at land surveying, at public-road con-



WILLIAM STEYH.

struction, and also at farming. When the war broke out between Prussia and Austria, in 1866, the government surveyors were thrown out of employment, and Mr. Steyh then returned to the farm, where he remained for a year.

The following year, hoping to improve his business connections by embracing the opportunities and advantages afforded by the New World, he crossed the Atlantic to America, locating first in Wheeling, W. Va., where he remained for two months. He had relatives there, which was the cause of his going to that city; but not finding suitable employment there, he came west to Burlington. The following spring he engaged with the Burlington & Missouri River Railroad in the location and construction of its line from Afton to the Missouri River, and was thus employed as chainman, rodman and instrument man from 1868 until 1870, and again from 1878 until 1882, when he had charge of location parties, and did general work as a locating engineer and superintendent of construction. When he first became connected with the road, he could not speak English. In 1870 he became connected with the grocery trade, forming a partnership with a friend in Burlington, and was concerned in its management for a year, after which he worked for the State at the Hospital for the Insane at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, building a reservoir, settling basin, and heavy stone masonry dam, laying out roadways, etc. He was thus engaged for eighteen months, including parts of the years 1871 and 1872, and he also made a topographical survey of the grounds. He became acquainted with the superintendent, Dr. Ranney, who, recognizing his ability, offered him

full charge of the work of constructing reservoirs and improving the grounds; and when his task was completed, he received a splendid letter of recommendation from Dr. Ranney.

In the fall of 1873 Mr. Steyh did some engineering work in Burlington, and began by surveying and locating the first Burlington street railroad—the South Hill line. He had charge of this work, which he completed in the fall of 1874. He then began the work on the North Hill line, locating and superintending the building of it for about two miles from Main Street. He was afterward engaged for the survey and superintendence of construction of the West Hill and Prospect Hill lines. The duties in connection therewith kept him employed until 1877, when he returned to the service of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, formerly the Burlington & Missouri River Railroad Company. He was in charge of its location and construction work in Iowa until 1879, through the two following years in Nebraska, and from 1880 until 1882 again in Iowa. He had full charge of the location and construction. In 1882 he was appointed city engineer by the board of aldermen, and served continuously until 1896, with the exception of 1884,—thirteen years incumbency in the office,—during which time his labor was of such a character that the entire city acknowledged its benefit. He staked out the roads, and also set out the grade stakes for the paths in Crapo Park, under the park commissioners, and from 1898 until 1900 was a park commissioner. He was next in charge of the construction of the Wabash Railroad from Albia to Moulton,

resigning his position as park commissioner in 1900, as his duties called him elsewhere. In that year he entered the service of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad Company in the location and construction of a branch line in South Dakota, Minnesota, and northern Iowa, being thus employed until 1902. In the spring of that year he was employed by the Iowa Central with the relocation and construction of its line from Searsboro to Grinnell, Iowa, and was with that company until the winter of 1903. Since April, 1904, he has again been city engineer, elected to the position by popular suffrage. In this position he looks after all public improvements, the grading and paving of streets, the location and construction of sewers, and inspects all such work. He was elected on the Republican ticket, and was formerly appointed by a Republican city council.

Mr. Steyh was married at the home of Conrad Pfeiff, in Union township, Des Moines county, Sept. 11, 1873, to Miss Christina Pfeiff. She was born upon a farm, is of German parentage, and by her marriage has become the mother of five children: Elizabeth, the wife of J. L. Temple, of Burlington, employed in the chief train dispatcher's office, and they have one child, Martha; Matilda, the wife of Dr. B. F. Campbell of Rexburg, Idaho; William H., acting as his father's assistant, and learning civil engineering; Margaret and Florence, at home. The family have a pleasant home at 1213 Sumner Street, which was built by Mr. Steyh in 1875, and he also owns some tenement property.

A great lover of nature, with strong appreciation for its varying forms and

beauties, he has a natural liking and aptitude for landscape gardening, and reads a number of technical journals upon the subject. In 1897 he surveyed and laid out the cemetery grounds at Centerville, Iowa, and in the winter of 1900 and 1901 resurveyed and laid out some additions to Aspen Grove cemetery at Burlington, Iowa.

N. P. SUNDERLAND.

N. P. SUNDERLAND, of Burlington, Iowa, highly respected for his long and successful career, and for the helpful part he has taken in all movements along the lines of moral, material, and spiritual progress, was born Dec. 15, 1825, in Parke county, Indiana, a son of Cornelius and Nancy (Page) Sunderland. His parents were natives of Ohio, in which State they celebrated their marriage, whence they removed at an early date to Indiana, where the mother's death occurred in 1851. The father, who was a farmer, then came to Burlington to reside with his children, and it was in this city, at the home of his son on Fourth Street, that he died in the year 1856 at an advanced age. Cornelius and Nancy Sunderland were the parents of seven sons and three daughters, as follows: J. P., William, Thomas, N. P. (our subject), Israel, I. T., David, Rebecca, Phoebe, and Hester, of whom only two now survive, these being our subject and Israel, who resides in Chicago. The family is of German origin, and one of its earliest members in America was John, grandfather of N. P. Sunderland, who served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War and in the War of 1812.

On his father's farm Mr. Sunderland ac-

quired his first lessons in conscientious application to the duties of useful industry, and at the same time he secured a fair education in the district schools, to which, however, he has added much by extensive reading, observation, and reflection, for his range of experience has been broad and of the kind best calculated to enlarge the natural powers of his mind. In common with so many young men of his day who have since made their mark in the worlds of thought and action, he taught in the rural school of his immediate neighborhood for one term as a beginning of his individual career. He then entered a store at Rockville, in Parke county, where he was employed for a time, and in 1848 he came West, arriving on October 2 of that year in Burlington in company with his four brothers, with whom he established himself in business in the conduct of a flouring mill. Steam power was used in the operation of the mill, which is still standing at the corner of High and Front Streets, and here they continued very successfully for five years. At the expiration of that period, however, Mr. Sunderland experienced a strong desire to participate in the great opportunities just then opening up on the Pacific Coast, and in company with his brother Thomas he set out for California, traveling by the Isthmus route, which necessitated going up the Chagres River in a boat pushed by natives, and by pack mules through a cut in the mountains to the walled city of Panama, whence they proceeded by the steamer "Panama" to San Francisco. On the journey he contracted the dreaded "Panama fever," and suffered a severe illness for a time, but remained in California during the years of 1849-51. He did no prospecting, but engaged in a variety of enterprises and employments in San Fran-

cisco and the surrounding country, one of these being a general store. He also purchased at Sacramento a large hay stock, for which he paid \$3,500, and for some time furnished miners and others with feed for their mules. At one period he was employed in a hotel, and while acting as its purchasing agent had ample opportunity to become familiar with the phenomenally high prices prevailing there at that time, paying as much as \$202 for a single dressed hog, or a rate of one dollar a pound for pork.

In 1851 he returned from California, again by way of the Isthmus, and up the Mississippi River to Burlington, but the home-coming occupied less time than the outward journey, which required four months. At first he resumed the milling business, but later entered the firm of Sunderland, Kendall & Company, pork packers, located near where the bridge now stands. This enterprise was a very extensive one, the company maintaining three houses in Burlington, at each of which forty thousand to sixty thousand hogs were slaughtered each year, thus furnishing employment to a great number of laborers, and adding materially to the city's prosperity. Mr. Sunderland continued his interest in the concern five or six years, or until he received appointment to the office of postmaster of Burlington under the administration of President Grant, taking office in 1871 and retaining it for nine years, during all of which time he discharged its duties with conspicuous fidelity and ability and to the general satisfaction. This preferment, so well deserved, came to him entirely without effort upon his own part, through an old-time friend, Senator Harlan, of Mount Pleasant. The postoffice was not at that time located in the present impressive structure, but was in the building which is now

the Delano hotel. For four years Mr. Sunderland acted as county supervisor, and also for a term of years he served his fellow-citizens as city alderman-at-large under the administration of Mayor Zaiser, during which time he performed notable service for his constituents, and occupied a position of unusual influence in the municipal council. Among other public honors and trusts to which he was called was that of the chairmanship of the county board, in which his highly developed executive force was of especial utility. To him in particular the county farm owes much of its present efficiency, and he it was who constructed the first barn on the farm.

At Burlington on Jan. 8, 1856, in the house in which he now resides, Mr. Sunderland was united in marriage with Mrs. Martha Ellen (DeMotte) Thorpe, a native of Mercer county, Kentucky. She became an invalid, and on July 16, 1898, her death occurred in Chicago, where she was visiting friends, and she is buried in Aspen Grove cemetery in Burlington. Her loss was a grievous one to her family and to the community, for through a long life of devoted and loving service she had become endeared to all who knew her. To Mr. and Mrs. Sunderland were born two children, who grew to maturity: William W., of Burlington; and Mary, who resides with her father and devotes her time to water-color painting, an art in which she enjoys considerable reputation and has been signally successful, both in its artistic and its commercial aspect. She is a graduate of Burlington high school and of the college at Xenia, Ohio, and for a period of six or seven years was engaged in giving lessons on the piano. Later she taught a private class in crayon, but now is occupied exclusively with her own work.

Emma, a daughter of Mrs. Sunderland's first marriage, became the wife of J. C. McKell, who was for twenty years a resident of Burlington, but is now of Omaha.

A lifelong Republican, and always actively engaged in the work of politics, the esteem in which Mr. Sunderland is held by his party is fully shown by the numerous important positions in which he has been chosen to serve the public. While yet a young man he acted as delegate to the State convention, but of late years has for the most part confined his activities to acting as member of the board of election and of registration and similar offices. For the last two decades he has not engaged in any regular business. He was one of the prime movers in the organization of the Merchant's National Bank of Burlington, in which he was a stockholder and held the office of director, but he has since severed these relations. He is a man of religious nature and conviction, and is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Burlington, to the erection of whose present house of worship he was a substantial contributor. For many years he has been acting as a member of the church's board of trustees, and in this capacity has exercised a large and helpful influence in its affairs and in extending its scope of usefulness. As a man of unflagging honesty, integrity, and upright intent, he stands without a superior, and while his pecuniary success has been great, he has never lost sight of the higher principles of conduct, so that the truest monument of his life is the high personal character which he has formed and for which he is honored of all.

Mr. Sunderland's public career has been one of unswerving devotion to the cause which he has served, while his private life has been equally good.

JOHN GEORGE BOSCH.

JOHN GEORGE BOSCH, a native of Germany who has made his home for many years in Flint River township, where scores of his countrymen have made a settlement, is a son of Melcher and Barbara (Hecker) Bosch. His birth occurred Sept. 15, 1831. His parents educated him in the common schools of his birthplace. Being free from school work he entered a brewery, where he learned the business, at which he was employed till 1854, when he came to America.

After a long and tedious voyage of fifty-two days on the water, he landed in the great City of New York. He then came direct to Burlington, joining his brother, who was a brewer, and for whom he worked some three years. His next step was a venture in the dairy business, which he carried on most successfully for twelve years. Going out of this, he took a much-needed rest of a whole year. In 1871 he opened up a boarding-house at 852 Washington Street, and conducted this place till 1875, when he bought his present farm of forty acres in Flint River township. Here he has since lived, carrying on farming, general gardening, fruit raising, and caring for a large vineyard.

April 19, 1861, he married Miss Susan M. Boeck, by whom he has three children, August, John, and Charles, all living and all at home. Mrs. Bosch passed away Aug. 28, 1900, aged sixty-two years, leaving her husband very lonely. She was a good woman and kind neighbor.

Mr. Bosch has always been a staunch Democrat, and though he has never aspired to any office, yet he has constantly done all in his power to promote the good

and welfare of this party. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias for two years, and served this lodge as secretary one year. He is a member of the German Lutheran Zion church. He is a man of many experiences, and one well versed in all the issues of the day. His great energy, ambition, and activity, coupled with strong principles of right-doing towards all men, have won for him success and the respect and friendship of the entire township.

JOHN G. BOSCH, JR.

NUMBERED among the well-known and thoroughly representative business men of West Burlington, is John G. Bosch, Jr., who, in company with his brother, conducts a model and up-to-date meat-market at 105 Broadway, using the firm style of Bosch Brothers. Mr. Bosch was born in Burlington township, Des Moines county, Oct. 21, 1863, and received his education in the public schools of that township and in the German school at North Hill, from which last he was graduated in the class of 1877. After finishing his education he was associated with his father in the work of the farm until attaining his twenty-first year, at which time he began his individual career in life by acquiring the trade of a butcher under the direction of his maternal uncle, George Boeck, as did also his brother.

After learning their trade the two brothers, in company with Mr. Fred Dane, went to Sioux City, and together engaged in the meat business, where they continued for one year with fair success, at the end of which time they returned to

West Burlington; and here, Aug. 17, 1885, Bosch Brothers' meat-market was established, under the same name which it now bears, by the brothers John George and August Adam Bosch.

Mr. Bosch is a staunch believer in the doctrines and principles of the Democratic party, of which he considers himself a member, although he cast his vote at the last two presidential elections for McKinley and Roosevelt, respectively. He has never aspired to the honor of public office, and in his political activity has been content to wield the force of his individual ballot in the cause of good government without hope or thought of reward. He has very desirable fraternal connections, being a member of the Knights of Pythias and of the Modern Woodmen, in both of which he is a valuable and valued factor in promoting the common welfare. In his religious relations he is a member of the German Evangelical church, contributing liberally to its support, and to all the departments of its work.

On Oct. 26, 1892, he was united in marriage to Miss Ida B. Sackbauer, daughter of John Sackbauer, and to them have been born two daughters and one son, these being, Charlotte, Melba, and Edwin, all of whom have enjoyed excellent educational advantages.

August A. Bosch, brother of our subject, was born July 30, 1862, and married Miss Bertha Sackbauer, sister of Mrs. John Bosch, and they have five children, Gussie, Clarence, Meta, Mildred, and Herbert.

The Bosch brothers enjoy a gratifying degree of popularity in the community in which they reside, and while industry,

native ability, and sound judgment have enabled them to build up a very prosperous and highly successful business, their courteous treatment of the public and the reputation which they have justly acquired for strict integrity and scrupulous honesty in all their dealings, have won them many friends.

THOMAS RICHARD RANKIN.

FOR over fifty years Mr. Thomas R. Rankin, of this review, has been one of the leading business men of Burlington. There is no man in the city at this writing who has a record equal to his. He has not only witnessed, but has aided largely in, the growth and development of the city, and has been among the first to assist in any public good. He is a man of nearly fourscore years, yet is as active and ambitious as though he was just making a start on his business career, and is proud to show a continuous pay-roll which is now over fifty-two years old.

Mr. Rankin is a son of William and Catherine (Gault) Rankin, and was born in Sevier county, east Tennessee, Dec. 11, 1827. His ancestry dates back to the times of the Revolution, as his grandfather, Richard Rankin, was the father of ten sons and one daughter, of whom the following four enlisted in the War of 1812 with their father, and served under General Jackson: Thomas, David, William, and Samuel Steele. David was killed in battle with the Indians in Alabama, at Horseshoe Bend, on the Tallahassee River. There were also forty-two men who were grandsons and great-grandsons of his grandfather who

participated in the Civil War, six of whom were of his uncle John's family; also one grandson. This uncle was called the father of Abolitionism, and wrote a book called "Rankin's Letters on Slavery," by which Wendell Phillips and William Lloyd Garrison were converted to Abolitionism. It was through personal contact with slaves that Mr. Rankin wrote these letters to his brother Thomas, entreating him to free all slaves in his possession, which he did at the time of his death. This uncle of our subject, John Rankin, was a Presbyterian minister, and gave most of the characters in Uncle Tom's Cabin to Harriet Beecher Stowe, and it was in his home at Ripley, on the beautiful Ohio River, where Eliza Harris, of this good old book, sought refuge, and Mr. Rankin has a picture of the same in his possession of which he is justly proud. His grandfather also had four sons who were Presbyterian ministers: John; William C., father of Thomas R.; Alexander T.; and Robert H. He also was the father of four sons who were elders in the Presbyterian church.

The father of Mr. Rankin was born June 1, 1795, in east Tennessee, and in 1833 went to North Carolina, where he remained four years. He then went to Indiana, and after a residence of four years removed to Iowa in 1841. He had a charge in Yellow Springs township, Des Moines county until 1842; was in Marian, Linn county, until 1844; in Plymouth, Hancock county, Ill., for a year, and then settled in Quincy, Ill., where he remained until 1872, after which he came to Burlington, Iowa. He died in Farmington, Iowa, March 7, 1889, at the advanced age of ninety-four years. He was married five times, and was the father of seven children by his first wife, in the early years when he began his study for the

ministry at Maryville College, east Tennessee. The first wife was of Scotch-Irish descent, as were also the Rankins, and died when Thomas was only six months old. Of the seven children born of the first union our subject is the only one living. John G., brother of Thomas, went from the Mission Institute, in Quincy, to Lane Seminary, in Ohio, where he studied theology under Lyman Beecher, the father of Henry Ward Beecher and Harriet Beecher Stowe. Elizabeth C. Rankin, a daughter of the third marriage, is now Mrs. J. W. Kennedy, and resides in Chicago.

Our subject was educated in the Mission Institute, in Quincy, Ill., which turned out many men and women who were not able to attend pay schools. There was a cracker factory in connection with this institute, in order that the boys might have work, and it was here that Mr. Rankin learned the baker's trade, at which he worked from 1844 to 1852 in Quincy. Coming to Burlington in the fall of 1852 he built a bake-shop on Main Street, adjoining what is now the Pauly house, the oven being built by Simeon Russell, one of the first men Mr. Rankin became acquainted with in Burlington. S. C. Treat was associated in business with him, making the candy and bread, while Mr. Rankin made the crackers. In 1855 they moved around on North Third Street, and continued until 1857, when Mr. S. E. Taylor, who now resides in Beatrice, Nebr., bought out Mr. Treat. They made several changes, also being in the old Ransom house, on Jefferson Street, from 1861 to 1868, and were also largely engaged in the shipping of fruits and vegetables. In 1870 they sold out their bakery to Seamen and Harry Kendall, and Mr. Rankin entered into partnership with Gus Dodge in the fruit business on

West Jefferson Street, and at the same time bought out the Richey interest in the ice business with Mr. Dunn. In 1874 Mr. Dodge purchased Mr. Dunn's share in the ice business, and the firm of Rankin & Dodge then dealt in fruit and ice. This firm continued until 1890, when Mr. Rankin assumed control of the business alone; but in 1900 took Forest F. Huston into partnership with him, when the firm was known as T. R. Rankin & Company. Mr. Rankin is also half partner in the ice, wood, and coal business with Mr. Dunn, they having an office on Third Street. This continuous business has given Mr. Rankin fifty-three years' experience of mercantile life in the Orchard City, of which his many friends are very proud.

April 10, 1851, Mr. Rankin was married, in Rushville, Schuyler county, Ill., to Miss Elizabeth A. Houston, daughter of Caleb and Elizabeth (Purdy) Houston. Her father was an Eastern man, being born in New Hampshire, and at an early day located in Columbus, Ohio, as a carpenter and joiner, where he was married in 1815. In 1830 he came to Beardstown, Ill., and settled on a farm near Rushville, where he died in 1855. His good wife passed away in 1875. Mr. and Mrs. Rankin adopted a daughter, Emma G., who married J. W. Cornic, of Los Angeles, Cal., and has a son and daughter, the latter the wife of Carl Stephens, who also has one child. Mrs. Rankin died Aug. 21, 1903. She was a woman respected and beloved by all.

Nov. 11, 1896, Mr. Rankin married Miss Harriet Houston, a daughter of John P. and Elizabeth (Gray) Houston. Mrs. Rankin is a lady of much refinement and culture, and is constantly engaged in performing deeds of kindness to her friends and neighbors.

She is actively connected with the Congregational church, of which they are both members, the benevolent fund of which Mr. Rankin has had charge of since 1870, and has been an honored deacon for the past ten years. In politics he has given his allegiance to the Republican party, but has never aspired to any office. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum. He was not a soldier in the Civil War, though he was in Vicksburg for about four months, where he and Mr. Taylor took turns baking for the Thirty-fourth Iowa Infantry.

Mr. and Mrs. Rankin reside at 107 Marietta Street, very quietly and happily. Mr. Rankin has formed extensive business and social relations, where he has occupied a foremost place; and by patient and unremitting attention to details, and the application of correct and honorable business principles, he has achieved success, and to-day is one of the most respected and honored citizens of Burlington, and one of whom we can justly say, "Who liveth not for himself alone," but for the good of those with whom he is associated in the daily walks of life.

PAUL LANGE.

PAUL LANGE, an early resident of Burlington, where he located as long ago as 1854, a pioneer in its development, and long one of the most widely known and influential political leaders of this portion of Iowa, has lived until recently at his beautiful country home in Union township adjoining the city. Mr. Lange was born in Prussian Silesia, Aug. 4, 1828, a son of Eli and Christiana (Olrich) Lange, his father being a farmer, as were his ancestors for

many generations. He himself, however, after receiving his preliminary education, attended college, and on being graduated and receiving his degree in 1849, began teaching as his profession. He was from the beginning successful in his work, and was appointed to the principalship of a school at Frankfort, Prussia, where he continued until 1854. In 1853 he married Miss Emily Du Puis, and the following year resigned his position in order to come to the United States in search of the more abundant opportunities of a new country.

On coming to America Mr. Lange located in Burlington, where he at first became assistant engineer in the corps of civil engineers engaged in surveying the first Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad route westward through Iowa. He was employed in this capacity for two years, and had the honor of riding on the first locomotive to leave Burlington for the west. On severing his connection with the railroad company he began teaching music in Burlington, being the first male music teacher in the city. Having had the advantage of a thorough musical training and education, besides being possessed of artistic talents of a high order, he became at once the leader of the local musical world, being in point of fact the pioneer and father of music in the city of Burlington. The wife of Chief Justice Fuller, the daughter of Governor Gear, and many other persons of distinction were numbered among his earlier pupils, while his patronage rapidly increased as his work became more widely known. He also organized the first musical clubs and singing societies that were formed in the city, thus performing a service of the utmost importance, and one which entitles him to lasting honor. His

success as a teacher and his growing popularity in musical circles induced him to establish a music store, the style of the firm being Lange & Van Meter. The store was located on Third Street, and there he introduced to the Western public the Steinway piano, selling the first to be brought across the Mississippi River, and also the Knabe and Chickering pianos. An inviolable rule of his business was to handle only goods of the highest class, and in this way he did much to educate the taste of his patrons and popularize the best musical instruments. In 1875, on the advice of his physician, he sold his business and traveled in Europe for a time, with the object of improving his health, which had begun to fail; and on regaining his health he, with Mr. Theodore Gulick, purchased the *Iowa Tribune*, a German weekly paper published in this city. They later changed this to a daily publication, and as one of the leading supporters of Republican principles in the West it exercised a tremendous influence in shaping public sentiment and the course of events. As business manager Mr. Lange continued to conduct the affairs of the firm for a number of years, but finally sold his interest and retired from the work. In 1888 he again engaged in the music business at his old location on Third Street, the firm being known as Lange & Minton. In this enterprise he continued with all his former success for a period of fifteen years, or until 1903, at which time he retired from active life, disposing of all his business interests.

Many years prior to his retirement Mr. Lange purchased a fine home and small farm in Union township near Burlington, one of the most beautiful and artistically arranged private parks in the county.

Shrubbery and many rare trees and flowers ornament the grounds, making the place in all respects an ideal one. A well-selected orchard adds greatly to the material value of the farm, as does also a fine vineyard, from which a large quantity of wine is manufactured annually. Mr. Lange in 1905 sold this valuable property, and will spend his winters in New Mexico, probably for the remainder of his life.

In the leading political activities of his time Mr. Lange has been a most important factor. To him the Republican party in Des Moines county and the State of Iowa owes much. In recognition of his services he was early appointed trustee of the Deaf and Dumb School at Council Bluffs, he devoting his talents to the welfare of that institution for a number of years. In the year 1882 he was made United States Consul at St. Stephen, New Brunswick, Canada, where he represented government interests with distinguished ability during a period of four years, at the expiration of which time he resigned his charge. Two years later, in 1888, he was made the nominee of his party for the office of county clerk of Des Moines county, was elected, and in 1890, although the county normally returns a Democratic majority of 1,500, was re-elected by a majority of two hundred votes, a showing which indicates in a remarkable manner his great personal popularity. His varied activities, extending over half a century, have brought him a wide circle of acquaintance, and being ever ready to promote the progress of his community, he has entered into the life of the people in the most intimate and helpful way. For a long term of years he acted as leader of the 'Turners' Singing Society, while he was organist of the Con-

gregational church for fifteen years, or until the increasing cares of business and public life forced him to resign. He has also allied himself with the chief fraternal orders, being a member of the Masonic lodge, chapter, and commandery, and of the Ancient Order United Workmen.

Mrs. Emily Lange, wife of the subject of this memoir, is now deceased, the date of her demise being Nov. 24, 1897. She is survived by four children: Herman, now engaged in operating his father's farm; Otto T., who is in business at Watrous, N. M.; Carl E., a resident of Burlington; and Paul, Jr., who is a professor in the Deaf and Dumb Institute at Delavan, Wis. Mrs. Lange was a member of the Lutheran church, as is also our subject, although he holds himself no sectarian, being an advocate of liberal views.

Herman Lange, son of the preceding, was born in Burlington Nov. 22, 1855, was educated in the city public and grammar schools, and after being employed for a short time in Burlington, came to the home farm, where he has since resided. He at once took charge of the farm, in the management of which he has been eminently successful, and in addition to beautifying the grounds in many ways he has built up valuable vineyards, plum orchards, and an extensive plantation of small fruits. In all his work he has observed scientific principles, and has introduced modern and approved ideas. He is progressive, alert, and enterprising, and has many friends. In his fraternal relations he is identified with the Fraternal Union of America, of which organization he is a conscientious and valued member, always willing, with his energy and his enterprising spirit, to work for the good of the society.

F. C. IHRER.

A NOTABLE illustration of the fact that it is the young men of the country who are controlling its important industrial and commercial interests, and pushing forward the wheels of progress so that substantial advancement is made in business life, is the record of F. C. Ihrer. As president of the Iowa Soap Company, and as a member of the grocery firm of William Ihrer & Sons, he has made for himself a splendid record as a business man, and has displayed those salient features of success which will lead to still larger and more important undertakings in the future.

A native of Burlington, he was born June 3, 1872, and is a son of William Ihrer, whose birth occurred in Eslingen, Germany. He came to America in 1869, when twenty-one years of age, and, having learned the painter's trade in his native land, he followed that pursuit during the early years of his residence in the New World. When his labors had brought to him sufficient capital to permit of his entrance into mercantile circles as proprietor of a store, he purchased a stock of groceries, in 1871, and began business on his own account in the old McCash building on West Jefferson Street. There he remained until 1877, when he removed to the corner of Sixth and Jefferson Streets, where he carried on business with constantly increasing success until 1894, when he retired to private life, being succeeded in the store by his sons, who assumed the management under the firm style of William Ihrer & Sons. He now resides upon a farm three miles west of Burlington, enjoying there the fruits of his former toil. Prominent in the local ranks of the Independent Order of Odd

Fellows, he belongs to Harmony Lodge, No. 209, of which he is a past noble grand. He also belongs to Bethany Evangelical German Lutheran church.

William Ihrer was united in marriage to Miss Rose Warth, who was born in Wurttemberg, Germany, and was married in Burlington. By this marriage she became the mother of eight children, of whom seven are yet living: William F., a grocer; F. C.; H. C., of St. Louis; Charles, living in Burlington; Elizabeth; Rosa; and Lydia.

In his youth F. C. Ihrer attended the public and parochial schools of Burlington, and afterward entered Elliott's Business College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1888. He entered upon his business career in his father's grocery store, and applied himself assiduously to the mastery of the business principles in force in connection with the conduct of a successful mercantile enterprise. He remained there until 1891, when he entered the office of the Biklen-Winzer Grocery House (wholesale), and continued there until May, 1893, when he entered the employ of J. W. Smithers, wholesale manufacturer of and dealer in candy and crackers, for whom he acted as city salesman and also as a traveling salesman. Resigning that position he entered the retail grocery trade as a partner of his brother, William F. Ihrer. They purchased their father's store, which they have since conducted under the firm name of William Ihrer & Sons.

Mr. Ihrer is a young man of resourceful business ability and marked enterprise, displaying keen discernment as well as indefatigable energy in the control of his business affairs. In February, 1903, he became connected with the Iowa Soap Company as its president, purchasing a large amount

of stock on the reorganization of the company. The business was established about fifteen years ago by J. W. and T. W. Alexander, and the former is still connected therewith as vice-president and general superintendent of the works. A reorganization was effected on the 1st of January, 1894, and the present company was formed in February, 1903. The business is capitalized for fifteen thousand dollars, and the present officers are F. C. Ihrer, president; J. W. Alexander, vice-president; J. F. Schwaller, acting secretary and treasurer (in place of J. F. Barr, deceased); and E. D. Wilson, department superintendent and director. The company manufactures laundry and toilet soaps, and the output is two carloads per day, while employment is furnished to eighty-five people. The plant is located at 810 to 822 Valley Street, and already the quarters are far too small for the business, which is growing very rapidly. There are fourteen traveling salesmen on the road representing this house, and the business is now profitable, while the enterprise has become one of the leading productive concerns of the city.

Mr. Ihrer holds membership in Excelsior Lodge, No. 268, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Malta Lodge, No. 218, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Iowa Camp, No. 98, Modern Woodmen of America, and Aerie No. 750, Fraternal Order of Eagles. He has the high regard of his brethren of these orders, and in his life exemplifies their beneficent teachings. He was married on the 6th of June, 1894, in Burlington, to Miss Flora Legler, a native of this city. Her father, Frederick W. Legler, is a retired wagonmaker of Burlington. Her mother died here in May, 1902. Mrs. Ihrer has five sisters and one brother:

Freda, the wife of Charles Schmidt, of Burlington; Lena, the wife of Fred W. Wolbers, of this city; Fannie, the wife of Herman Fausel; Bertha, the wife of B. E. Sparks; and Fred W. Legler.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ihrer were born three children, but one died in infancy and one at the age of five years. The living daughter is Irma, who is with her parents at their attractive home at 1222 North Seventh Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Ihrer occupy an enviable social position in Burlington, and he is making continuous advance in the business world, being already numbered among the prominent representatives of industrial and commercial life in his native city.

JOHN R. BRADEN.

JOHN R. BRADEN, in whose life record there is much that is worthy of emulation, and whose memory is dear to the hearts of a large circle of friends who knew and honored him during his active life, was one of the noble figures in the history and development of this section of Iowa, being known throughout Des Moines county and eastern Iowa as one who was singularly devoted to all that might conduce to the moral and spiritual advancement of mankind, as well as being always among the first to aid any worthy movement for the upbuilding of the community in which he made his home. He was one of the prominent men of the county during his lifetime, and took an active part in county affairs for many years, being one of the early settlers of the county.



JR Breiden

He was born in Ross county, Ohio, June 10, 1834, the son of James and Jane (McClure) Braden. The parents were also both natives of Ross county, Ohio, being born near Rocky Springs, that county. The father was a farmer, and came to Iowa in 1844, bringing his family with him, and locating on land a mile west of Northfield, in Yellow Springs township, where he lived the rest of his life. He was very successful, having a farm of three hundred acres, on which he erected a large and substantial home.

His wife, Jane, was the daughter of John McClure, also an early settler of the county, and when Mr. and Mrs. Braden settled in their new home they were in the midst of a large relationship. They were both loyal members of the Presbyterian church, of which James Braden was an elder. They were the parents of two sons and two daughters, as follows: John R., the immediate subject of this article; Dean, who died while attending school at Kossuth; Mary Ellen, who married Reverend Isaiah Reid, of Des Moines; and Minerva, who married John H. Black, of Jefferson, Iowa.

James C. Braden, the father, died in Des Moines county, in 1881, at the age of seventy-three years. His widow survived him for nearly seven years, dying in Greene county, Iowa, in 1887, at the age of seventy-five years.

John R. Braden came with his parents to Iowa when only ten years old, and received his education in the district schools of his home community, near Northfield, at the same time assisting with the work on the home farm. Thus the years passed as he grew to manhood. In young manhood he attended college

in Kossuth, learning much from books; but far more was learned in the stern school of hard, practical farm work. In the spring of 1858 he married Miss Mary J. Carmean, who died in 1861, leaving an infant son, who died soon after.

On the breaking out of the terrible struggle between the North and the South, Mr. Braden, together with many other patriotic hearts from Iowa, responded to the president's call for troops, and went to the front to fight for the Union. He enlisted in October, 1861, with Company K, Fourteenth Iowa Infantry, starting for the front under the folds of the silken flag of the Kossuth Guards, a flag made by a score of ladies of the community for Company K, and presented to them just before they left for the front. Mr. Braden won distinction in one of the earliest battles of the war, the battle of Fort Donelson, where for gallant conduct he was promoted to the rank of sergeant. While in the army he contracted typhoid fever, as a result of the hard conditions of army life, and this disabled him for service, so that he was discharged for disability in July, 1863.

On April 1, 1865, he was again united in marriage, his second wife being Miss Carrie E. Austin, a native of Ohio. They returned to the home farm, where five children were born to them, three of whom died in infancy. The two still living are: Lulu, the wife of Grant Gregory, of Burlington; and Dr. A. L. Braden, a successful physician, residing at Wellman, Iowa. Mrs. Carrie Braden died in 1873.

On March 11, 1880, Mr. Braden married Miss Margaret J. Parrett, of Ross

county, Ohio, daughter of Joseph and Molena (Cailey) Parrett. The father was a native of Virginia, and came to Ohio at the age of twenty-one. He lived in Ross county from that time till his death, which occurred at the age of seventy-seven years. He was a very successful farmer and stock-raiser throughout his life. His wife was born in Highland county, Ohio, and lived there till the time of her marriage. She died at the age of seventy-eight years, dying in the same house in which her husband had died, both dying on their old homestead. They were members of the Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Braden was educated in the common schools of Ross county, and later at the Academy at Salem, Ohio, and remained in Ross county until her marriage to Mr. Braden. In 1891 they left the farm in Yellow Springs township, and built a handsome brick residence in the city of Mediapolis, which became the family home. Here Mr. Braden passed to the life beyond on Aug. 30, 1901, at the age of sixty-seven years, after more than two years of intense suffering, and his remains were laid to rest in Kossuth cemetery.

Early in life Mr. Braden united with the Presbyterian church, and his life was ever a fitting exponent of the teachings of the faith in which he was an earnest believer. He lived a thoroughly conscientious, Christian life, upholding the best moral interests of the community, and doing his duty, as he saw it, in every relation of life. He held the position of clerk of the session in the church, and was one of the elders for more than twenty years. He took an active interest

in educational matters, and did much to advance the cause of popular education in the community, acting as a member of the school board for a term of years, and was president of the board at the time of his death.

He was a close student of all questions affecting the public welfare, taking an especial interest in matters of municipal government. He served for several years as a member of the city council, doing all that lay in his power to give the city a strong, clean government. He held other positions of responsibility satisfactorily to his constituents and with credit to himself, and was always noted as being faithful to every trust reposed in him. A true and faithful husband, a loving father and kind neighbor, his memory is cherished by hosts of friends and acquaintances, who honored and loved him for his many sterling qualities.

HENRY BENNE.

HENRY BENNE, at one time actively engaged in agricultural pursuits in Des Moines county, and now living a retired life in Burlington, was a soldier in the Civil War, and has demonstrated his loyalty to his country in times of peace by faithful and efficient service in local office. Though born across the water, he has a deep and sincere attachment for the stars and stripes, and is one of the valued German-American citizens of Burlington.

Mr. Benne, a son Herman and Christina (Baker) Benne, was born in West Phalen, Germany, July 15, 1830. He was educated in the public schools of the Fatherland and

spent the period of his minority in that country, but on the first of September, 1851, at the age of twenty-one, he came to America, landing at New York City. The voyage across the Atlantic was made in a sailing vessel, and he was seven weeks upon the water. He then went to Lockport, N. Y., where he lived for four and a half years, giving his attention to farm labor during that period. He afterward spent three seasons at work on the Erie Canal, and in 1856 he started for Burlington, reaching his destination on the seventh of April.

Here Mr. Benne turned his attention to farming, which has been his principal occupation throughout his business career. In July, 1856, he purchased eighty acres in Benton township, Des Moines county, and afterward by various purchases he became the owner of two hundred acres in Benton township, also, one-fourth section in Saline county, Nebr., where his son now resides, and eighty acres in Henry county, Iowa, where the daughter lives. Year after year he engaged in the tilling of the soil, placing his fields under a very high state of cultivation and adding many substantial improvements to his home farm. In 1894 he sold his farming interest in Des Moines county, and removed to the city of Burlington, where later he purchased the old rolling mill site of twenty-two acres, but afterward sold that property to the county. In 1890 he had purchased his present home at the corner of Central Avenue and Linn Street, and since taking up his abode in Burlington he has here resided. He has lived practically retired since leaving the farm, his labor and judicious investment in former years bringing to him the prosperity that now enables him to enjoy a well-earned rest.

On the fourteenth of December, 1852, Mr. Benne was married in Lockport, N. Y., to Miss Marie Riepe, a daughter of Christian and Mary (Lake) Riepe, who was born in West Phalen, Germany, Jan. 26, 1831, and came alone to America in 1852. She has two brothers, Henry and Casper, who are now living in Burlington, the latter a justice of the peace. Mr. and Mrs. Benne have become the parents of nine children: Edward, who was born March 5, 1854, and resides in Nauvoo, Ill.; Nancy, who died at the age of fourteen months; Henry, who died at the age of twenty-one years; Louise, who died at the age of two months; Louisa, the wife of William Flaar, who resides in Henry county, Iowa; Lydia, the wife of Mitchell Beard, connected with the city fire department of Burlington; Lillie, the wife of Joseph Morrette, of Washington, Iowa; John, who is living near Milford, Nebr., upon the farm which he purchased of his father; and Alma, who died at the age of one year and twenty days.

In October, 1864, Mr. Benne responded to the call of his adopted country for troops, enlisting as a member of Company G, Fourth Iowa Infantry, in Burlington, under Captain Shrei. He served with General Sherman's troops and was on the celebrated march to the sea, and also in the grand review in Washington, where the victorious army marched in parade through the capital city and passed the reviewing stand on the White House grounds, where the president cheered the return of the "boys in blue." After serving until Aug. 5, 1865, Mr. Benne received an honorable discharge at Davenport, Iowa, was mustered out of service, and then returned home. He was once slightly wounded by a stray ball which struck him in the elbow.

Mr. Benne has always been a staunch Democrat in his political views. In 1886 he was elected county supervisor, and by re-election served for three consecutive terms, or nine years, retiring from the office in 1895. He was superintendent of the building of the jail in Burlington. He also served as trustee of his township for seven years, resigning that office when elected supervisor. He was a member of the German Lutheran church, and while living on the farm he served for six years as trustee of the church to which he belonged. His life has thus been of benefit to his fellow-men in days of peace and days of war. He came to the United States with strong purpose but limited capital, and in his business affairs he achieved the success which is the goal of all earnest and legitimate endeavor.

FRED KOLKMAN.

AMONG the representative and prosperous farmers of Des Moines county, Fred Kolkman occupies a prominent place, his well-cultivated farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Washington township adding greatly to the value of the property in the community. He was born in Hanover, Germany, July 6, 1850, a son of Diedrich and Dora (Fauldolph) Kolkman both of whom were born in Germany, and where they also died, the death of the father occurring when our subject was only a little boy. Mr. Kolkman was reared under the parental roof, and he remained on the farm till he was seventeen years old, receiving a substantial education in the schools of his home place. He and his sister Mary, who mar-

ried Henry Albers, and died in Missouri, were the only members of his father's family to come to America. Their voyage on the ocean was a long and tedious one, but they finally landed in New York, and proceeded at once to the city of Burlington, Iowa, where Mr. Kolkman obtained work on a farm in Pleasant Grove township for a number of years. He worked in this township and Washington township till he was married to Miss Lizzie Flaar, in 1874.

Mrs. Kolkman is a daughter of Phillip and Martha Henrietta (Saunders) Flaar, and was born in New York, May 26, 1854, and came to Iowa with her parents when she was a child of about a year and a half old. Mr. and Mrs. Flaar were both born in Germany, and came to the United States shortly after they were married. They remained in New York for a while, where Mr. Flaar obtained work by the day. On coming to Burlington he secured a situation in a butcher shop, and later was engaged in the draying business. He purchased a farm of forty acres in Benton township, and kept adding to it till he had a nice place of one hundred and six acres, which made a comfortable home for his family. Mr. Flaar resided on this farm up to the time of his death, which occurred when he was sixty-two years old. His widow is still living at the advanced age of eighty-one years, making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Kolkman. She is one of the oldest members of the Lutheran church. Of the seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Flaar, six still remain to cheer and comfort their aged mother.

Providence has certainly smiled very graciously upon Mr. and Mrs. Kolkman, for

unto them have been born ten children, nine of whom are living: John, born Nov. 30, 1874, resides on a rented farm in Washington township, married Miss Nora McCune, and has two children, Gladys and Roy; Matilda, born April 8, 1887, the wife of William Wassom, a carpenter, residing in New London, Iowa, and have two daughters, Ruth and Agnes; Edward, born Dec. 31, 1889, married Miss Lena Totemire, and has a farm of eighty acres in Henry county, Iowa, where he resides; Mary, born Aug. 28, 1885, is at home; Frederick Henry, born May 13, 1888, assists his father on the home place; Frances Nellie, born June 23, 1891, at home; Katherine Ora, born Jan. 20, 1841, at home; Anna Louisa Grace, born Nov. 27, 1896, at home; Fred W., born April 26, 1898, at home; Emma, born Sept. 8, 1882, and died July 8, 1884, aged two years and ten months. All of these children, of whom Mr. and Mrs. Kolkman may well be proud, were born in Des Moines county, the six oldest being born in Benton township and the four younger ones in Washington township. They have all received a good education in the district schools of the townships.

After the marriage of Mr. Kolkman he located in Benton township, where he purchased a farm of seventy acres of rich land, which was partially improved, and upon which he lived for seventeen years, being successfully engaged in general farming and stock-raising. In 1890 he sold that farm, and bought his present place of one hundred and twenty acres on Sections 32 and 33 in Washington township. Since controlling this farm on which he has ever since resided, he has

put up a large and substantial barn and added many other valuable improvements.

Mr. Kolkman has seen many good improvements made in Des Moines county. When he first came to the county a large portion of it was covered with old tree stumps and brush, and was in a very wild condition generally. He has seen this wild and unbroken state gradually disappear, and acre after acre cultivated, until to-day no county in the State is richer in the number of its beautiful and valuable farms. Mr. Kolkman deserves great credit for the large part he has taken in assisting to make this county such a fruitful place. It has not been accomplished without much labor and many sacrifices; but Mr. Kolkman has been blessed with a good rugged constitution and an indomitable will that knew no such word as fail, and it is with pleasure that we can present the record of such citizens to the readers of this book.

He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church, in which faith his large family has been brought up. In politics he has always been a Democrat, and though not caring for public recognition, has in every way given his efforts toward the advancement and development of the community, and has upheld good government by voice and vote. He is recognized as a man of sterling worth, and appreciated for the many good qualities which have made him of such use as a citizen.

JOHN HUTCHISON.

WHEN John Hutchison passed away, Des Moines county lost one of its pioneer settlers,—a man whose identification with

this section of the State dated from a very early period in the development and improvement of eastern Iowa. Moreover, he had through a long business career displayed the commendable traits of character which not only win success but also gain the respect, confidence, and goodwill of his fellow-men.

He was born in County Armagh, Ireland, Feb. 22, 1831. His parents, John and Agnes (Andrew) Hutchison, were both born in County Armagh, Ireland, where they lived till 1865, when they came to the United States, locating in Guernsey county, Ohio. They were the parents of ten children,—three sons and seven daughters,—who were all born in Ireland, and where three of them, a daughter, Margaret, and two sons, James and Thomas Hugh, died. The remaining children all came to America. One year after coming to America the father of our subject died, and his mother passed away at his home in 1888, at the advanced age of eighty-three years. Of the six daughters surviving this worthy couple, four of them reside in Des Moines county. They are: Mrs. Isabella Moore; Mrs. John Mahaffry; Mrs. Jane Carmichael; and Mrs. John Heins. One daughter, Mrs. Agnes Barris, lives in Ohio, and one, Mrs. Margaret Carmichael, resides in Red Oak, Iowa.

Mr. Hutchison, of this review, was reared upon his father's farm, receiving his education in the district schools of the county, and remained on the farm till 1857, when he came to America, and settled in Orange county, New York. From thence he moved to Muskingum county, Ohio, where he resided till he located in Des Moines county, Iowa, in 1868. He

bought a farm of forty acres on Section 12, Washington township, and was engaged in general farming and stock-raising. He lived on this place until his death, a period of some thirty-five years.

Mr. Hutchison served his country throughout the entire Civil War, enlisting in Company C, Fifty-ninth Ohio Guards, and after serving his time re-enlisted in Company H, Fifty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was with Sherman in the famous march to the sea, and participated in a number of the prominent battles. He was not sick at any time during the war, and walked all the way to the sea with Sherman. He was honorably discharged June 9, 1865.

Politically, Mr. Hutchison was a strong Republican, and though never holding any office, he was a man well posted on all the points at issue,—energetic, enterprising, and always interested in any move that would work a benefit to the community. When quite a young man he united with the Reformed Presbyterian church, in Ireland, under Reverend Savage, and has been under the ministry of Dr. C. D. Trumbull since coming to Iowa. He was a devoted and conscientious member of the Covenanter church of Morning Sun, Iowa, for more than thirty years. Rain or shine, he always was found in his seat at every meeting of this house of God. Nothing that would promote the cause of Christ was too great for him to undertake. He was one of the pillars that the members leaned on, and his daily life exemplified his professed Christianity to a marked degree. At his death this church lost a man who was true to his God and his fellow-man, and one whose place it will be hard to

fill, but his life, full of good deeds, will be revered for time to come in the hearts of his friends and neighbors.

The death of Mr. Hutchison occurred at his home March 3, 1905, at the ripe age of seventy-four years. He was held in the highest esteem by those who knew him best. He was buried in the beautiful Sharon cemetery.

"Life's work well done,
Life's race well run,
Life's crown well won."

Mr. Hutchison's sister Isabella, now the widow of John Moore, kept house for him for the last thirty years or more, and she and her daughter still reside on his farm. Mr. Moore was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, where he was a farmer till he grew to maturity, when he moved to Illinois and bought a farm, where his death occurred in the fall of 1889. Mr. and Mrs. Moore were blessed with one daughter, Jessie, who was born in Ohio, March 28, 1868. Mrs. Moore and her daughter are ladies of refinement and culture, and possess and exemplify the true spirit of Christianity. They have many friends in the county, who hold them in the highest regard.

JUSTUS C. SMITH.

DES MOINES county is the birth-place of many of the men who have assisted in the improvement and upbuilding of many of the townships, and therefore they well deserve mention in a record among those who have been their companions for many years. Justus C. Smith is a son of Senator F. N. Smith, whose

sketch appears on another page in this book, and was born in Yarmouth, Washington township, July 31, 1877, where he received his early education. He also attended the high school of Burlington, and then assisted on the home farm till he became a man.

On his twenty-first birthday he wedded Miss Katherine A. Weber, who was born in Burlington, and is the daughter of Henry and Margaret (Schenk) Weber, and to them has been born one child, Helen Leona. Mr. Weber was born in Alsace, France, and came to America when he was about eleven years of age, locating in the city of New Orleans, where he learned the butcher's trade. He had not been in New Orleans long when his father and brother were taken ill with the yellow fever, and died, and he at once brought his mother to Burlington, where he again obtained employment in a butcher shop. In a few years he entered into partnership with John Kauffer, under the firm name of Kauffer & Weber. This well-known firm continued business till 1893, when Mr. Weber sold his interest in the meat market, and took up his abode in Memphis, Mo., where he purchased a large farm of two hundred acres, upon which he farmed and lived till death overtook him in 1897, at the age of fifty years. Mrs. Weber, who was born in Germany, came to the United States when she was about sixteen years of age, and is still living on the home farm in Memphis, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Weber had five children, all of whom are living, and all, except Mrs. Smith, reside with their mother on the home place. They are: John H.; Katherine A., wife of our subject; Oscar W.; Clara; and Anna. Mrs.

Smith received her education in the city schools of Burlington and also attended the Bentz conservatory of music in Memphis, Mo., making a study of the pianoforte.

Mr. Smith lives upon and works a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Section 7, Washington township, on which he has placed many good improvements. He carries on farming to a large extent with much success, as well as raising stock for the markets. Besides this property in Des Moines county Mr. Smith is interested in land near Ness City, Kan. He is one of the stockholders of the Mutual Telephone Company of Yarmouth, and is one of the stand-by Democrats of the township.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are both members of the Methodist church, of Mt. Union. Although they have not been residents of Washington township for a great length of time, still they are both well and favorably known, and by their upright lives and kind ways have won the confidence and good-will of the entire community.

BERNARD HALE.

AMONG the very early settlers of Des Moines county, and also of the State, is the subject of this sketch. He has not only witnessed the rapid transformation which has taken place in Iowa, but has stood at the front and borne his share of the heat and burden of the day. Mr. Hale is of English and German descent, his paternal grandparents being born in England, and his maternal grandfather,

John Babb, Sr., was born in Germany. The latter married Miss Susan B. Downer Miller, came to America in 1837, and entered land in Iowa.

Our subject is a son of Gardner and Jane (Waters) Hale, and was born Oct. 12, 1826, in Park county, Indiana. His father was born in Providence, R. I., Aug. 31, 1795, and located in Parke county, Indiana, when a young man, where he bought a farm and made a home. In 1836 he moved to Peoria county, Illinois, and farmed until April, 1837, when he brought his family to Iowa, and entered a farm consisting of one hundred and twenty acres in Pleasant Grove township. This was mostly timber land, but he cleared it, and built a small house and log barn, carrying on farming very extensively. He later replaced his unpretentious home and barn by more substantial and modern ones, which were erected by his son, of this review, who had learned the trade of a carpenter.

He was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, and in politics was first a Whig and later a Republican, but not an office-seeker. His prosperous life closed on his farm in Pleasant Grove township when he was ninety-two years old. He was twice married, his first wife living but a short time and left no children. His second wife, Miss Jane Waters, was born in South Carolina, and came with her parents to Parke county, Indiana, where she was married. She was a devoted member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, and actively engaged in all departments of the same. She preceded her husband to the better land some twenty years, dying when about fifty-five years of age. She was an excel-



BERNARD HALE.

lent woman, a kind and loving mother, and a devoted wife. She and her husband are buried in the cemetery in Pleasant Grove township. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom but two now remain,—Bernard, of this review, who is the oldest, and William W., the youngest, who is a farmer, and resides in Pleasant Grove township.

Mr. Hale's education was obtained after he was twelve years of age in the Pleasant Grove township schools. He assisted his father for a few years, and then worked out by the month for the farmers of the neighborhood, where he also learned the trade of a carpenter. When twenty-three years of age he began to work for himself at his trade, but resided at home till he was twenty-seven years old. The next two years he spent in Sperry, Franklin township, working at his trade, and then moved to Pleasant Grove township, where he resided one year.

In the spring of 1857 he purchased eighty acres in Section 28, Washington township. The place was all wild land, and all of the improvements have been made by Mr. Hale. Since purchasing this farm he has built two houses, the first one being small and plain, but the last one is a large and modern structure. His barns and other buildings also give proof of a practical farmer. For many years he farmed very successfully, and each year supplied the market with a fine grade of stock, till his children were large enough to manage the farm, when he again took up his trade as a carpenter. He also owns ten acres of timber land in Pleasant Grove township.

Mr. Hale is a Republican, and cast his

first vote for John C. Fremont for president. He was justice of the peace for three years and school director for a number of terms, and is now treasurer of the school district. In religious faith he is a Baptist, of which church he is a consistent member, and was deacon and trustee of the church for some time.

Jan. 5, 1854, Mr. Hale wedded Miss Susan B. Downer, who was born in Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, and came to Iowa in 1839 with her parents when eight years of age. Her parents were Robert and Lydia (Babb) Downer, the former being born in Ohio and the latter in Pennsylvania. Mr. Downer was a contractor of public works, and followed that business during his residence in Pennsylvania. They came to Iowa in 1839, and located in Franklin township, where the grandfather, John Babb, entered a large tract of land, and also bought a number of claims, owning finally some fifteen hundred acres, which he divided among his children. Mr. Downer located upon some of the land entered by Mr. Babb, his father-in-law, where he farmed for a number of years, and then moved to Illinois, near New Boston, where his death occurred at the age of forty-eight years. His widow survived him for many years, and also passed away at the home place in Franklin township, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Downer had nine children, of whom six are living. Mr. and Mrs. Hale were blessed with seven children and five are living: James R. resides on the home farm, which he farms, and also owns forty acres of land in Washington township. His education was obtained in the district schools, and he has always been a great student and

reader, and is a scientific farmer. He served the township as assessor for four years, and has been secretary of the school board for the past fifteen years. He is a great lover of all field sports, being a member and corresponding secretary of the New London Gun Club for some time. Lette E. is the wife of Moses M. Smith, of Oklahoma. Emma S. married Alexander Westfall, of Yarmouth, March 7, 1880. She was born on the home farm, was educated in the common schools of Washington township, and is a member of the Methodist church. Since marriage they have always resided in Washington township, where Mr. Westfall was a farmer till five years ago. They are the parents of eleven children, all of whom are living, and are as follows: (1) Bertha M., lives with her grandfather, the subject of this sketch; (2) Effie P., married Foster C. Jarvis, a tinner by trade, of Jacksonville, Ill., and has two sons, Lyle and Foster E.; (3) Esta M., wife of Frederick Miller, a liveryman of Yarmouth, who was born in Woodford county, Illinois, came to Iowa eleven years ago, and farmed in Washington township till a year ago, when he moved to Yarmouth; (4) Chester A., a farm hand in Washington township; (5) Orvia D., lives in Jacksonville, Ill.; (6) Edwin E., resides in Washington township; (7) Howard A., lives with his grandfather, of this review; (8) Harry E., (9) Ora, (10) Tracy D., (11) Daniel B., all four at home. Ellen Hale is the wife of Casper Oberman, of Washington township, who is a farmer. Willis B. married Miss Hattie Carie, and is a school-teacher in Ruston, La. They have two children, Cecil B. and Catherine.

Emulus Hale died when seven years of age. An unnamed infant, deceased. Mr. Hale's children were all born in Des Moines county.

Mr. Hale is now in his eightieth year, enjoying all the comforts and blessings of old age. There is no man in the community more highly respected or esteemed than is he. His business life, both private and public, has always been honorable, his home life has been an ideal one, and his Christian life is one that all may pattern after; and though he has had trials and sorrows here, we have the assurance he will find joys without number when he is called to join those most near and dear to him.

FREDERICK VOGT.

FREDERICK VOGT was well known in industrial circles in Burlington, having lived here some fifty years. He was always reliable and trustworthy, and yet it was not his business record alone that made him so wide and favorably known in this city, his character and upright manhood gaining him the regard, confidence, and good-will of all, so that his memory is still cherished by those with whom he was associated in the active walks of life. Frederick's parents, Martin and Mary Vogt, left their native land, Germany, in March, 1836, and emigrated to America, locating at Newburg, N. Y., on the Hudson. Mr. and Mrs. Vogt were both about thirty years old at this time. They did not remain long in Newburg, and finally located in Buffalo, N. Y. They were the parents of six children: Frederick, the subject of this review; Mary, married Mike

Stork, and resides at Buffalo, N. Y.; John and Peter, also residents of Buffalo; Elizabeth, the wife of Mr. Smith; Catherine, married Mr. Baker, and is now dead. The father was stricken with that dread disease, cholera, and died Aug. 19, 1849. His wife passed away April 28, 1888.

Frederick Vogt was born in Baden, Germany, Feb. 24, 1829. He attended the schools of his native land, and emigrated to America with his parents in an old-time sailing vessel. At the age of fourteen he entered a printing office to serve an apprenticeship of seven years. He also started a German paper in Buffalo called the *Patriot*, but soon discontinued its publication. In 1855 he went to Chicago, where he was employed in the job department of the *Chicago Tribune*, and in 1861 came to Burlington, being employed in the same department of the *Hawk-Eye*. He was later also associated with John Daldorff in the *Iowa Tribune* office till 1878. He then retired from the printing business, and spent most of his time gardening on Sunnyside Avenue.

On Oct. 1, 1848, Mr. Vogt was married, in Buffalo, N. Y., to Miss Phoebe Esbenschied, a native of Germany, and daughter of Plansiur and Catherine (Baney) Esbenschied. She was born in Furfeld, Hesse-Darmstadt, Nov. 1, 1829. Unto them nine children were born: Mary Catherine, born in Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 14, 1849; Frances Cecelia, born in Buffalo, Dec. 12, 1851, married George Eberhart; Charles Frederick, born at Buffalo, Feb. 2, 1854, married Miss Emma Holcomb; George Joseph (whose record is on another page in this book), born at Buffalo, March 3, 1856, married Miss Annie Brocagan; Amelia Catherine, born in Chicago, Ill., May 6, 1858, married Jacob Wagener; Louisa Rosina,

born in Chicago, July 1, 1860, married Fred Jaegger; William Jacob, born in Burlington, Iowa, April 25, 1864; Frederick Herman, born in Burlington, Dec. 12, 1866; Carrie Ophelia, born in Burlington, Jan. 13, 1872; and Charles W., born in Burlington, Sept. 25, 1877.

Mrs. Vogt's parents came direct to Buffalo from Germany, making the trip in something like forty-two days, in one of the old-time sailing vessels. They settled at White's Corners, and here both died, the father in 1874, and the mother in 1871. They were the parents of three children: Adam, who still lives on the old homestead, aged seventy-two years; Mary, married Mr. Simmons, and resides on Bennett Street, just off of Broadway, in the city of Buffalo, N. Y.; and Phoebe, wife of our subject. All through life Mr. Vogt was a strong Republican, and his party won many victories through his untiring efforts. Although always enthusiastic, he never aspired to public office. He however held several minor offices in the city and township. Mr. Vogt died April 23, 1902. His was a record well to be remembered. Starting in life with little save an iron will and great ambition, but not knowing what it meant to fail in any undertaking, he was enabled in the evening of his life to enjoy many home comforts. Having been a man well informed on all subjects of the day, and a man possessing a bright and sunny disposition, he made friends of all.

GEORGE JOSEPH VOGT.

GEORGE J. VOGT, who ranks as one of the substantial and progressive merchants and business men of the city of Burlington, Iowa,

was born March 3, 1856, in Buffalo, N. Y., the son of Frederick and Phillipina (Esben-schied) Vogt. His parents, who were natives of Germany, emigrated to America when six or seven years of age, making the voyage in the same boat, in company with their parents, and settling in the city of Buffalo, where they grew to maturity and were married. Practically the whole of Mr. Vogt's life has been passed as a citizen of his adopted city, for he came with his parents to Burlington in 1861, when he was but five years of age, and it was here that he received his education in the public schools.

For four or five years after finishing his schooling he acted as his father's assistant in his work of gardening, but at the end of that time he decided to begin his career along independent lines, and began to acquire the trade of cigar-making, and this he followed for a period of five years with great success. He then decided, however, to accept a more advantageous proposition, and entered the employ of the Derby Mills and Elevator Company, with whom he continued for sixteen and one-half years in a position of trust and importance and with mutual benefit to himself and his employers. This connection was dissolved in 1896, and on June 1 of that year he established himself in the flour and feed business in Burlington, locating at 223 North Central Avenue, where he still continues, and in this venture he has met with very gratifying success.

On July 3, 1881, he was united in marriage to Miss Anna Angelina Brockhagen, and to them have been born three daughters, these being Clara Cordelia, who is employed as clerk in the Boesch dry-goods store; Grace Elsie, musician and teacher of the piano; and Maude Alice, who is also a musician and is a teacher of the violin, all being at

home with their parents. Mr. Vogt is also a musical artist, his specialty being the flute, and with his daughters furnishes the music for many social and public functions, the family being professionally known as the Vogt orchestra.

The political allegiance of our subject is given to the Republican party, in the soundness of whose principles he is a firm believer, although not himself an aspirant for political honors or public office; and fraternally, he is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees and the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and for one year held the office of recorder in the former order. Although not a member of any religious denomination, Mr. Vogt is a regular attendant at the services of the various churches, and contributes liberally of his means to the support of the cause of religion. In a business way he has, by the adoption of the most modern methods, by virtue of his reputation for upright and strictly just dealings, achieved a very flattering success, and been enabled to gain a competency, while the geniality and engaging traits of his character have won him a host of friends.

JAMES A. HAWKINS.

IN the front ranks of Des Moines county's public life are a few younger men who have attained to positions of recognized leadership by virtue of high personal character and natural gifts of an exceptional order. With these is numbered the subject of this review, and he enjoys a personal acquaintance which is so extended as to give rise to a universal interest in the facts of his career. Mr. Hawkins is a native of Burlington, hav-

ing been born in this city Sept. 28, 1871, the son of John and Emily (Cullen) Hawkins, both of whom were well known in Burlington. The father, who was born in County Wexford, Ireland, on emigrating to America, first located in the city of New York, where for a time he was engaged in business as a merchant tailor, and whence he came to Burlington. Here he conducted a shop at 306 North Third Street for many years very successfully, continuing in business at that location until the time of his death, June 14, 1883. His wife survived him for a long term of years, her demise occurring April 18, 1897. Both were members of the Catholic church, of whose moral and religious teachings they were ever faithful followers. They were the parents of eight children, as follows: Jennie, wife of Joseph Robinson; John J.; Anna; Frank and William, twins; Edward; Bernard; and James A., our subject.

Mr. Hawkins was educated in the parochial and public schools of Burlington, receiving therein an exceptionally thorough and practical preparation for the active duties of his subsequent career, and when only eighteen years of age began his independent course in life by learning a trade, that of the barber. He soon became proficient, so that on attaining his majority he decided to establish himself in business, and opened a shop on Jefferson Street. Here he from the first attracted a large and profitable patronage, which he retained until he disposed of the shop in 1902, when he was elected by the voters of Des Moines county to the office of county recorder.

A lifelong Democrat, Mr. Hawkins is a firm adherent to the political faith of that

party and a believer in its exalted destiny, while he has also during many years been a most active worker for its success in the field of local and county government. Previous to his elevation to his present position he served the party as a member of both the county and city central committees, proving his worth by his intensely practical turn of mind and his ability to produce concrete results in the way of increased support for the party in whose interest he labored with such unremitting diligence. His fraternal relations, which are extensive, are with the Knights of Columbus, Aerie 150, Order of Eagles, and the Ancient Order of United Workmen, in all of which organizations he is valued as an important factor, both for the high enthusiasm that marks him in all he does and for the sound and practical judgment which is one of his most prominent characteristics. Probably no young man in the public eye at the present time has a larger or more admiring circle of friends, for his cordial and attractive personality have brought him into close relations with all the more progressive element, and his loyalty, integrity, and fairness are the solid qualities which have won him an enviable reputation and general and unqualified esteem.

AUGUST F. BRINGER.

IN any list of the enterprising and successful retail grocers of Burlington, Iowa, the name of August F. Bringer must be accorded a high place and standing, for he is a man who has achieved his present position by native force of character and by

his own efforts unassisted by paternal aid or adventitious circumstances. Mr. Bringer is a member of a German family which originally spelled its name Bruenger, and he was born in Burlington, March 15, 1855, a son of John Henry Bringer, a native of Erfurt, Prussia, and Anna Mary (Kerker) Bringer, a native of Enga, Prussia. The mother of our subject—who was one of a family of five sisters and one brother—was twice married, her first husband being a Mr. Obersdielp, by whom she had two children, one of whom, Phillip, grew to maturity. She married Mr. Bringer in Germany, and they became in that country the parents of two children, Mary and John Henry. Emigrating to America in 1852, they came directly to Burlington by way of New Orleans, after having spent seven weeks crossing the ocean. Here the father entered the employ of the firm of Barry & Gilman, later known as the Burlington Lumber Company, for whom he acted as foreman for a number of years. His death occurred in 1873, in the fifty-fourth year of his age, while the mother's demise was on March 8, 1901, aged eighty-three years. To them were born in Burlington three children, as follows: August F., the subject of this review; his twin sister, Anna, now the wife of Louis H. Oberschelp; and Fred.

Mr. Bringer was well educated in the Evangelical Lutheran parochial school and in the public schools of Burlington, and at the age of sixteen years became self-supporting and independent by entering the employ of the nursery firm of Nealey Brothers & Bock, of this city, with whom he remained for three years. He then accepted a position with the Bur-

lington Lumber Company, which he occupied for the long period of twelve years. Ambitious of further advancement, he then left this employment to enter as clerk in a grocery store at the corner of South and Central Avenues, where he remained for nine years, studying the business in all its details, becoming familiar with the principles of its management, acquiring valuable experience in practical affairs, and, most important of all, making many friends by his honorable and upright bearing and engaging, genial personality. After thus serving a long and thorough apprenticeship, he entered business for himself, and for the last ten years, in partnership with Mr. John A. Held, he has conducted a large retail grocery store at the corner of Central and Walnut Streets, where he has a constantly growing patronage.

On Oct. 25, 1879, Mr. Bringer was united in marriage to Miss Louisa H. Sander, daughter of Christian and Louise Sander, natives of Hanover, who came to America in the late '40's or early '50's of the last century. To Mr. and Mrs. Bringer have been born five children: Willie H., Walter C., Harry P., Laura M., and Raymond H.

Husband and wife are members of the Evangelical Lutheran church, in which Mr. Bringer occupied the office of deacon for two years, being one of its leading members, and of whose Sunday-school he has been treasurer during the last six years, always taking a prominent part in the Sunday-school work.

Fraternally, he is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, in which order he is well known, and his political allegiance is given to the Republican

party. The history of his business life is one of uniform and uninterrupted success; and while he has thus proved himself the possessor of marked ability, he is also noted for his social qualities and the broad humanity of his views.

GEORGE W. RIFFEL.

GEORGE W. RIFFEL, one of the early settlers of the county, now residing on Section 30, Franklin township, where he has one hundred and seventy acres of rich farm land, is a native of Ohio, his birth having occurred in Fairfield county, that State, April 16, 1835. In 1849 he came to Iowa with his parents, George and Anna (Leitnaker) Riffel. The father was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and when a young man removed to Ohio, settling in Fairfield county, where he engaged in farming. He wedded Anna Leitnaker, a resident of that county, and they resided in Fairfield until 1849, when they came by wagon to Des Moines county, Iowa, being thirty-one days on the trip. They settled south of Burlington, where the father rented a farm for a few years.

When his industry and economy had brought him sufficient capital, he made purchase of land in Pleasant Grove township in 1853, becoming the owner of one hundred and sixty acres. There he developed a good farm, upon which he resided until the time of his death. His energies and efforts were devoted to the tilling of the soil and the raising of stock, and his close application and unremitting diligence were the strong elements in his prosperity. He died in November, 1869, at the age of seventy

years and four months, in the Catholic faith, having been a communicant of the church of that denomination at Dodgeville. His political views accorded with the principles of Democracy. Mrs. Riffel survived her husband for some time, and died in 1893 near Pipestone, Minn., where she was living with one of her sons. In the family were nine children, eight of whom are still living. She, too, was a member of the Catholic church, and was an estimable lady.

George W. Riffel began his education in the public schools of Fairfield county, Ohio, and he also continued his education in this county. When not busy with his textbooks, he assisted in the work of the home farm; and after leaving school he gave his entire attention to farm labor upon the old homestead until about thirty years of age, when he rented a farm in Yellow Springs township, making his home thereon for three and a half years. On the expiration of that period he purchased his present farm, becoming owner of ninety acres; and as his financial resources have increased, he has added to the property, until now within the boundaries of the home place are contained one hundred and seventy acres. This is a valuable tract of land, on which he has made all of the improvements, including the erection of a good house and other buildings. The work is carried on methodically and with diligence, and the fields return golden harvests, while the sales of his high-grade stock add not a little to his income.

Mr. Riffel was married, April 18, 1865, to Miss Caroline Cockayne, who was born in Flint River township, this county, and is a daughter of Hiram and Elizabeth (Riggs) Cockayne, both of whom were natives of Marshall county, Virginia, and came to

Iowa at an early epoch in the pioneer development of Des Moines county. They located in Flint River township, and the father, a farmer by occupation, became the owner of two hundred acres of rich land, retaining possession of that farm up to the time of his death, which occurred when he was fifty-seven years of age. He voted with the Democracy, and shared in the interest of all public-spirited citizens in the welfare and progress of the locality. His widow survived him for a number of years, and passed away in November, 1898, when her remains were interred by the side of her husband in a cemetery in Flint River township.

Mrs. Riffel was born in Flint River township, and is indebted to its public schools for the educational privileges she enjoyed. By her marriage she has become the mother of four children, all of whom were born in Franklin township, and are yet living: John M., the eldest, residing in Burlington, is a traveling salesman representing the H. Weinrich Pickle Works, wedded Mary Keegan, and has one son, Fred; George H., a farmer residing in Franklin township, married Miss Margaret Jackson, a daughter of the late George Jackson, who is represented elsewhere in this work; Nora M., resides at home; and William Roy, assists in the operation of the home farm. All of the children were educated in the public schools of the township, and have also been students in Burlington.

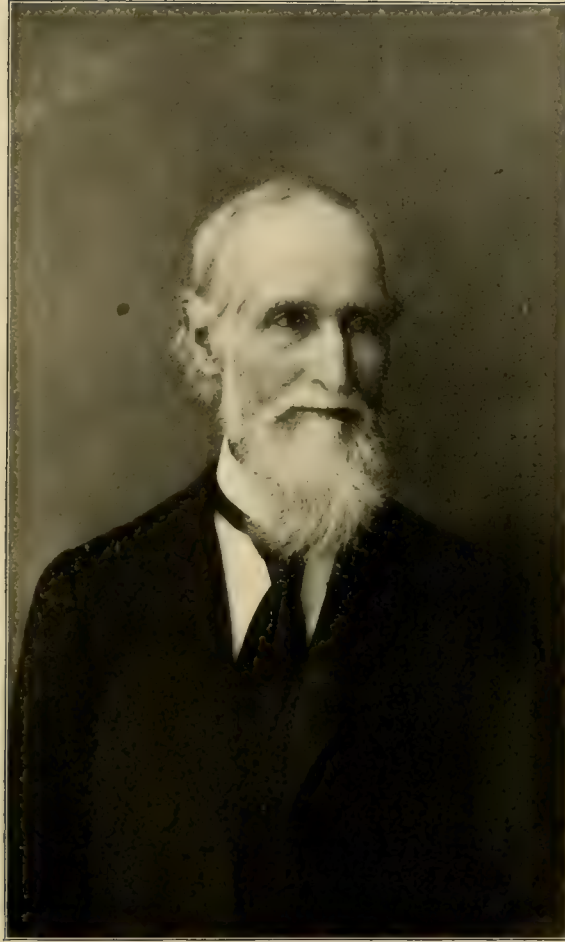
Mr. Riffel, a Democrat in political views, gives loyal support to his party without seeking office as a reward for his fealty. He was reared in the Catholic faith, and is still a communicant of the church. His life has been characterized by industry and enterprise, and he has regarded agricultural

pursuits as abundantly worthy of his best efforts, in this department of labor achieving a creditable prosperity.

JOHN LAHEE.

JOHN LAHEE, now deceased, was long prominent in the business and political life of Burlington and Des Moines county, and the important rôle he played on both these stages of action entitles his name to a place on the roll of the county's honored citizens. He was born May 7, 1820, at Martinsburg, Lewis county, N. Y., the son of Timothy Lahee, a farmer in comfortable circumstances, who was born in northern England in 1795, came to America as a British soldier in the War of 1812, remained on this side the Atlantic at the end of the war, and died in New York. In New York the father of our subject married Miss Catherine Buck, who was born 1796 and died 1846. She was the oldest daughter of Elijah Buck, a farmer of Lewis county, whose ancestors were Dutch and settled in Washington county, New York, before the Revolutionary period. His father, also Elijah Buck, bought the township of Harrisburg, Lewis county, and named it in honor of his friend, Governor Harris, of New York. Amos, a brother of Elijah Buck, was for many years a member of the New York State Legislature, and was the wealthiest merchant of the county.

John Lahee was educated in his native town of Martinsburg and at Yale Academy, after which he studied law in the office of D. M. Bennett, of Martinsburg; and in 1849 he began the practice of law at Rome, N. Y., where he remained for several years, enjoying considerable success. Through the



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influence of a relative who was superintendent of stage lines and post routes between Burlington and the Missouri River, he was induced to come West, and on Dec. 19, 1852, located at Burlington, opening a real estate office here. In 1854 he formed a partnership with W. R. Brown, with whom he conducted a real estate and abstract business, and as the town grew rapidly, owing to the construction of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway, their enterprise became very prosperous, continuing so until 1858, when land, in common with all other commodities, began to depreciate in price. Mr. Lahee then accepted an appointment as agent for the Continental Insurance Company of New York, the first company of that State which had entered into the Burlington field. From that time the insurance business occupied the greater part of his time, although he still continued to give some attention to real estate and loans. In 1868 he organized here a branch of the Republic Insurance Company of Chicago, and was elected its secretary. The issue was a triumph for his business judgment, for it proved very successful, although finally checked by the disaster of the great Chicago fire of 1871. From 1871 to 1875 he was in partnership with the late Judge Phelps, and it was during this period that he participated in the organization of the German American Savings Bank of Burlington, becoming its assistant cashier and member of the board of directors, positions which he held for two years, his influence and counsel doing much to put the institution upon a firm basis and start it well on the way to assured and lasting prosperity. He was an expert on real estate values, and a good judge of human nature, and the bank never had to foreclose a single loan that he passed

upon favorably. This is an unusual record. He was a very public-spirited citizen, and at the beginning of the Civil War in 1861, he, in association with W. D. Gilbert, equipped an artillery company, known as the Fletcher or First Iowa Battery, which left this city and performed notable service in the South, doing especially effective execution at the battle of Pea Ridge.

On Dec. 6, 1856, Mr. Lahee was united in marriage to Miss Ellen F. House, of Rome, N. Y., a granddaughter of one of the life guards of General Washington. Mrs. Lahee was educated at Mrs. Williard's School at Utica, N. Y., and the Troy Female Seminary, of Troy, N. Y. Unto them were born four children, of whom two survive, these being John Stillman, at present conducting the real estate, insurance, and loan business founded by the father in Burlington, and Effie Frances, who received her education at Vassar College, New York.

Mr. Lahee was a well-known factor in political affairs, and although originally a Democrat, later, in 1840, became a Whig, being converted to that political creed by the writings of Horace Greeley as editor of the *New York Tribune*. On the breaking up of the old party lines and the formation of the Republican party, he enthusiastically supported the new movement, and was a delegate from Des Moines county to the first Republican convention held in this State, namely, that at Iowa City in 1854. Upon the organization of the party in Iowa in 1856, he was chosen a member of the congressional committee from the first district, at once assuming a position of leadership in partisan counsels, giving the most earnest effort and thought to the cause, and making a marked impress upon the trend of events. In 1860 he was elected clerk of the district

court for Des Moines county, being the first Republican to hold that office in the county. His interest in the workings of practical politics continued for a long period, and he lived to serve the party over whose infancy he had watched in many a convention hall and post of honor. He was a man of strong and determined character, frank, open and above board as far as is consistent with the care of complicated and delicate interests, and commanded universal admiration, while the cordiality and amiability of his disposition won him the friendship of the majority of those with whom he was personally acquainted.

JOHN S. LAHEE.

JOHN S. LAHEE, a representative and worthy custodian of one of the pioneer business interests of the enterprising city of Burlington, is a native son of Des Moines county, having been born in this city Jan. 12, 1864, the son of John and Ellen F. (House) Lahee. He is a member of a prominent and well-known family, a full account of whose lineage and origin is included in the record of the father's career, appearing elsewhere in this volume. Mr. Lahee received his preliminary education in the public schools of Burlington, and later engaged in a course of study in the Iowa State University, at Iowa City, an institution which enjoys high prestige by reason of its many distinguished alumni.

In 1884 Mr. Lahee began his business life in Burlington in the line of insurance, real estate, and loans, in which he has ever since been engaged; and by means of his native spirit of enterprise, his executive ability and strong personality, combined with the repu-

tation which has come to him as a result of his invariably honorable and upright course, he has achieved a large and permanent success. Gifted with a quick appreciation of opportunity, shrewd and discriminating in his estimate of a business situation or proposition, he has contributed his full share to the city's progress, and it may be said that his rewards have been in some degree commensurate with his merits. As the successor of his father he is the representative of the oldest insurance business in the State of Iowa, this business having been established by the elder Lahee in 1854, and having been in continuous operation from that time to the present, or for more than half a century.

Our subject has been a lifelong Republican in his political faith, and has always taken an active part in political and public affairs. Soon after leaving college he was chosen secretary of the Young Men's Republican Club of Des Moines county, which at that period was a very strong organization and a factor in the political life of the city, in which he performed valuable service.

In 1882 he was appointed disbursing agent and chief examiner of the Chippewa Indian lands, a lucrative position, but declined the appointment. For the four years from 1889 to 1893 he was in the customs service at Burlington, resigning his post in the latter year, however, on account of the pressure of private affairs. During the building of the present Burlington postoffice structure, he was engaged in the work of the supervising architect's office, of the treasury department, he having charge of all the accounts.

For many years Mr. Lahee has been very prominently connected with the musical organizations of Burlington. While a student

in the University of Iowa he was a member of its military organization, and on leaving school joined the Second Regiment of the Iowa National Guards and became chief musician of the regiment. He has been a member of the Hayner Orchestra and of the Burlington Boat Club band, and was the founder and organizer of an orchestra which he continued to direct for one year, during which time it became well known and popular. At the expiration of that period the organization was taken in charge by Professor Schramm, and has since been known as the Schramm Orchestra. He also founded an orchestra in connection with the Presbyterian Sunday-school, and was for a time its director, taking a very strong personal interest in its progress and welfare, and stimulating in its members a spirit of enthusiasm which made the organization justly celebrated in local musical circles. He is a charter member of the Burlington Commercial exchange, and in his social connections enjoys an enviable standing. He has membership relations with the Burlington Golf Club, and is also a member of the Burlington Boating Association, of which he served as secretary for eight consecutive years. He is an attendant of the First Presbyterian church, with whose musical work he has been prominently connected for a number of years, having at various periods taken charge of the Sunday-school music, a position in which his unusual talents in this direction were of marked benefit, and resulted in a distinct rise in musical ideals and accomplishment, thus implanting an influence which is yet apparent to a distinctly perceptible degree. In all his labors he has held in view a purely unselfish purpose, without any thought of self-aggrandizement, and simply from his love of good and con-

scientious work inspired by lofty aspirations. He has thereby won the general respect and achieved a success which is well rounded and complete.

STEPHEN J. BECKMAN.

STEPHEN J. BECKMAN, attorney-at-law, of Burlington, was born in this city Dec. 27, 1873, his parents being Stephen and Mary (Eversman) Beckman. The father was a native of West Phalen, Prussia, born Jan. 6, 1826. The mother's birth occurred at Iburg, near Osnabruck, Prussia, Nov. 20, 1845. Stephen Beckman, Sr., came to the United States in 1860, crossing the Atlantic to New Orleans, and thence proceeding up the Mississippi River to St. Louis, where he remained until 1863, having charge of a dairy there. He afterward went to Oquawka, Ill., where he conducted a wagon shop. He met with financial reverses there; for the building of the railroad bridge at Burlington proved the death knell of Oquawka, and business of all kinds diminished in the town. Finding his efforts there no longer profitable, Mr. Beckman removed to Burlington, where he conducted a wagon-making shop until 1872. He then entered the employ of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad Company, continuing in that service as one of its trusted representatives in the shops for a quarter of a century. He died June 27, 1898.

His wife was sixteen years of age when she came to the United States, landing at New Orleans. She at once made her way to Burlington, and two years later gave her hand in marriage here to Mr. Beckman. She died Jan. 10, 1901. In their family

were seven children, of whom Stephen J. is the fifth. The others still living are: George C., a mechanic residing in Davenport, Iowa; Clara, the widow of H. W. Luchner, and a resident of Burlington; Anna; Henry J., who follows carpentering in Burlington; and Nannie A., a stenographer for the Drake Hardware Company, of this city. One son, John, died in infancy.

Stephen J. Beckman pursued his education in St. John's parochial school until thirteen years of age, after which he spent two years as a public-school student in Burlington. When a youth of fifteen he entered upon his business career as a delivery boy in the postoffice, being thus employed for a year and a half, after which he spent one year as a student in Elliott's Business College. He was for seven years employed in Hertzler's shoe store, but throughout this period it was his ambition to become a member of the bar. He began reading law when only fifteen years of age, and he occupied his leisure hours largely in this way. He had always looked to the law as a profession, and his efforts were directed toward that end.

At length, when he had saved from his earnings a sum sufficient to enable him to meet the expenses of a college course, he entered the State University Sept. 13, 1899, and was graduated from that institution June 12, 1901. He had clerked every day in a shoe store at Iowa city during his university course, studying law at nights, and thus had made his way through college, and he had money left at the close of the course. He afterward made a tour of Colorado and the West, looking for a favorable location, but decided that Burlington afforded sufficient opportunities, and accordingly opened an office in this city in

August, 1901. Here he has since remained engaged in active practice, and his strong and unyielding purpose, his devotion to his clients' interests, and his capability resulting from a thorough mastery of legal principles, have been the salient factors in winning him a desirable position at the Burlington bar.

In 1904 Mr. Beckman was the Democratic candidate for the office of city solicitor, and though he was defeated, he ran a thousand votes ahead of his ticket, a fact which indicated his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him by the general public. He has always been a staunch advocate of Democratic principles. In religious faith he is a Catholic, and is connected fraternally with the Knights of Columbus. A young man of strong force of character, with good intellectual endowments and laudable ambition, he is making rapid progress as a representative of the bar, and deserves much credit for what he has already accomplished.

NICHOLAUS HELT.

NICHOLAUS HELT, who follows farming on Section 12, Union township, is a self-made man, who, recognizing the value of earnest labor and perseverance, has throughout his business career wrought along those lines until he has become the owner of a good farm property, making him one of the substantial citizens of his community. He was born in Bavaria, Germany, Feb. 2, 1841, a son of Nicholas and Katherine Helt, who were natives of the same kingdom, and spent their entire lives there as farming people.

Nicholaus Helt remained a resident of Germany until 1860, when at the age of nineteen years he sailed for America, taking passage on a westward-bound vessel at Havre, France, and eventually landing at New Orleans, after sixty-seven days spent upon the water. He immediately came up the Mississippi River as far as Burlington, and has since made his home in Lee and Des Moines counties. He started to earn his living in the New World by working as a farm hand, and after a few years he purchased property with the money earned through his own labor and saved through his economy. He has since carried on agricultural pursuits on his own account. From 1865 until 1890 he lived in Augusta township, and now makes his home on Section 12, Union township, where he has a well-improved farm.

In 1865 Mr. Helt was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Schulteis, a native of Germany, who came to America when two years of age with her parents, Henry and Elizabeth Schulteis. They landed in New York, and spent some time in Pennsylvania, after which they came to Iowa, and were among the pioneer settlers of Des Moines county. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Helt: Katherine; Anna; Christina; George, who died in 1903, at the age of thirty-one years; Emma; Julia; William; and one that died in infancy.

The family attend and support the Lutheran church. In his political views Mr. Helt is a Republican, but does not consider himself bound by party ties at local elections, often casting his ballot regardless of party affiliation. While living in Augusta township he served for a number of years as township trustee, and is now serving for the second year in that office in Union

township, proving a capable official. About eight years ago he made a trip back to his native land, visiting the scenes of his childhood and renewing the friendships of his early years, although many of his early companions had died or moved away. This time it took him but seven days to cross the ocean, while on his first voyage he was almost ten times as long—a fact which illustrates the great advancement made in methods of ocean travel. He is fully content with America as a place of residence, for here he has gained a good home and a comfortable competence.

MAJOR FRED S. HOLSTEEN.

MAJOR FRED S. HOLSTEEN, popular and prominent in legal, political, military, and social circles in Burlington, where he is engaged in the practice of law, and where his influence has been beneficially felt in many lines of activity and achievement, was born July 5, 1873, in the city which is yet his home, his parents being Sophus Freidrich Edward Kneiss Holsteen and Emma Amelia (Oelschlager) Holsteen. The first of the family to come to America was his grandfather, Nicolaus Heinrich Freidrich Kneiss, who was a doctor juris, and for a number of years practiced law in Preetz, Germany. He came to America with his oldest son, Sophus, in 1846, to set his son up in business, and assist in making a home for him; about two years later, he had his second son, Charles, also come to America. In the fall of 1851 Nicolaus H. F. Kneiss returned to Germany without his sons, and immediately after landing he

was taken sick and was transferred to the local Masonic Hospital, where he died on Nov. 29, 1851, and was buried in the local St. Catherine's cemetery. His widow, Sophie Christine Kneiss, resided, later on, alternately in Preetz, Rensburg, and Itzehoe, and died at the latter place on Sept. 25, 1886, at a very advanced age, leaving three children: Sophus and Charles, named above, both residents of Des Moines county, Iowa; and Regina Louise Wilhelmine (Kneiss) Bruhn, then residing at Itzehoe, now of Sude, Germany.

Sophus Holsteen was born in Germany, Oct. 23, 1829, received a university education, and after establishing his home in America, engaged in the drug business. At length his health failed him, and he purchased land in the suburbs of Burlington, where he carried on farming for several years. He has long since, however, abandoned active business cares, and is now living on his farm in Benton township, Des Moines county, Iowa, in honorable retirement. He spends his winters in various places, having been for two years in Nova Scotia, while at other times he has sojourned through the winter periods in southern California. He was twice married, and his first wife and two children died in the same week. He afterward wedded Emma A. Oelschlager, and they became the parents of fourteen children, of whom ten are yet living—eight sons and two daughters.

Fred S. Holsteen, born upon his father's farm near the suburbs of Burlington, is a brilliant example of what a young man may do for himself. Until fifteen years of age he attended the country schools through the winter months, while in the

summer seasons he worked upon the farm. He then obtained his father's permission to go to Nauvoo, Ill., where, through his labor, he met the expenses incident to a course in the high school of that city. He applied himself with such assiduity to his studies that he was enabled to complete a four-years' course in three years, and was valedictorian of the graduating class of 1893. Until he had attained his majority he spent his summer months in working upon his father's farm. Not content with the educational privileges that he had already secured, and strongly desirous of making further progress in the line of intellectual development, after reading law for a short time in the office of Power, Huston & Power, of Burlington, he entered the Burlington Institute College, and was graduated in 1895; and later the Iowa State University, and was graduated from the liberal arts course in 1898; while in 1900 he completed the law course, was admitted to the bar in Iowa, and thus became qualified for the practice of the profession which he has made his life work.

Throughout the period of his college course he was very busy. In his youth he displayed the great energy and executive force which have ever been dominant factors in his career, and have made him one of the successful and popular young men of his native city. During his second year at college he took part in the sophomore debate as the representative of the Zetagathian Society, in the fall of 1895, and the following year was in class debate. In his senior year he represented the Zetagathian Society in preliminary debate, and was one of the three chosen for the intercollegiate debate.

When he entered college he became a private in the military department of the university, and was promoted successively to the rank of first sergeant and captain. He was also appointed professor of military science and tactics, and commandant of the university battalion with the rank of major, succeeding Lieutenant H. F. Ely, of the United States regular army, in the spring of 1899. During his sophomore year in the university he was elected as assistant business manager of the *S. U. I. Quill*, the paper of the university, and the following year was made manager, which position he retained and capably filled until the beginning of his senior year in the law course. In his junior law year he was selected by Professor Willis, in charge of the Iowa City Academy, to teach political science and civil government, which place he filled with honor. In his senior year in the collegiate department of the university he was president of the Zetagathian Society, a position to which only seniors are eligible. Not only did Mr. Holsteen satisfactorily perform these various duties that devolved upon him, at the same time pursuing his studies in the university and relying on his own efforts for financial support, but he made an excellent record as a student, and thus entered upon life's work thoroughly prepared for his chosen department of activity.

However, desiring to put his theoretical knowledge to the practical test, he entered the law office of Dodge & Dodge, at Burlington, with whom he read law for a year following his university course. His ambition still being unsatisfied, in the fall of 1901 he entered the law department of Yale University, from which he

was graduated in the following June. He was selected to represent the law department in the contest with representatives of other departments, and was one of the six finally selected from all departments as the representatives from Yale University. He was also chosen as one of the three from the law department to debate with representatives from other departments, and was decorated with a handsome gold medal at the close of the debate as a badge of excellence. During the spring term he was honored with the presidency of the Kent Club, of Yale.

Following the completion of his course at Yale, Major Holsteen returned to Burlington to engage in his chosen profession, engaging largely in the practice of economy and slightly in the practice of law. Here he opened an office, and practiced alone from August, 1902, until February, 1903, when he became associated with the law firm of Dodge & Dodge, in whose office he had formerly read law. This association continued until July 29, 1903, when the firm of Huston, Holsteen & Yaley was formed, consisting of Judge E. S. Huston, Fred S. Holsteen, and Horace J. Yaley, which continued one year, when on July 29, 1904, Mr. Yaley died. Since then the firm is Huston & Holsteen, which ranks with the leading law firms of the city and State. He is thus actively connected with the profession which has an important bearing upon the progress and stable prosperity of any section or community, and one which has long been considered as conserving the public welfare by furthering the ends of justice and maintaining individual rights. His reputation as a lawyer has been won through earnest,

honest labor, and his standing at the bar is a merited tribute to his ability.

In 1899 Mr. Holsteen joined the Iowa National Guard as a private, and was later promoted to the rank of first sergeant, then captain, and is now major of the Fifty-fourth Regiment. He is identified with various social and political organizations, and is recognized as a leader in the ranks of the Republican party in his county, serving as a member of the Republican county central committee, of which he is now chairman.

Fraternally, he is connected with Malta Lodge, No. 318, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of which he was secretary for two years, and he is a member of Burlington Camp, No. 6088, Modern Woodmen of America. He is likewise secretary and treasurer of the Burlington Commercial Exchange, and has served as secretary of the Burlington Boating Association. Of the college fraternal societies he is a member of the Phi Kappa Psi and Phi Delta Phi. Endowed by nature with strong intellectual powers, he has by earnest study and close application developed his native talents, and the consensus of public opinion ranks him with the leading young lawyers, influential men, and representative citizens of Burlington and his native State.

PHILIP ASHLEY CRAPO.

"Not a general giving his orders,
Not an officer wearing the gold,
But a true-hearted private in service,
With the strength of a warrior of old.

"Not the glory of fighting in battle,
Not the glory of winning the day,

But the glory of doing his duty
When his country's need pointed the way.

"Not a life with its joyous home-coming,
Not a life with ambition fulfilled;
For duty and death met together,
And his great heart of honor was stilled."

The above lines were written as a tribute to Philip Ashley Crapo. It is certain that the death of no young man of Burlington has ever occasioned deeper or more widespread regret. He gave his life to his country, being the only Burlington soldier of the Spanish-American War who was called upon to make this sacrifice. Born in this city on the 25th of July, 1873, a son of Philip M. and Ruth A. Crapo, he died at Camp Cuba Libre, Jacksonville, Fla., Sept. 18, 1898, while serving as a member of Company F, of the Fiftieth Iowa Volunteers. He attended the public schools of the city and entered the high school, where he spent a half year. His education thereafter was continued in the Phillip Exeter Academy, at Exeter, N. H., which he entered in the fall of 1887, completing a four years' course there with credit in 1891. He was a thorough and diligent student, making high grades in his studies, and was alive to every interest in life, and justly regarded his education as a preparation for life's practical and responsible duties. While in the academy he organized among the students the Western Club, and was its first president. His preparatory course being completed, he entered Harvard College; but deciding almost immediately thereafter to become a member of the bar, he was transferred to the law school, from which he was graduated in 1894. While a student in Cambridge he was much interested in college athletics, and was at one time manager of the baseball team. Later he was



Philip A. Cerefo,

president of the Omaha Tennis Association, nor were his interests aside from his profession only in athletic lines, as is indicated from the fact that he was selected as historian of the Nebraska branch of the Sons of the American Revolution. Returning to Burlington he passed the examinations which secured his admission to the Iowa bar, ranking as one of the best two of twenty-five candidates. Soon he was admitted to the Nebraska bar, and for a year engaged in practice in Omaha; but his laudable ambition led him to seek the broader field and greater opportunities of the American metropolis, and in the spring of 1897 he removed to New York city. There he again successfully passed the required examinations whereby he was admitted to practice in the Empire State.

In the meantime Mr. Crapo had become much interested in the great political questions of the day. Although a young man he possessed a public spirit that would have been creditable to one of twice his years, and the important issues which divided the two parties claimed his earnest thought and consideration. While residing in Nebraska he had been a member of the Republican city committee, and later was elected a member of the State central committee. Following his removal to New York he gave to the world his opinions upon the questions of finance in a short treatise of much credit entitled "Science of Money," and this work being completed, he then entered upon the practice of law, in which he continued until the outbreak of the Spanish-American War. He had displayed as a lawyer ability that marked him as a man of much prominence in the legal profession. He brought to his chosen work certain rare gifts. His was a high type of physical and intellectual

manhood, and all that he did was characterized by thoroughness and accuracy. He had, too, the enthusiasm of a young man, though he often displayed the mature judgment of those many years his senior. He enjoyed the commendatory appreciation of many men of prominence in legal circles in New York, and he gained there a very excellent clientage for one of his years; but when he seemed at the very beginning of a brilliant and useful career, the curtain was slowly rising upon the last act in his life drama.

The history of the causes of the Spanish-American War is too well known at this time to need recounting here. Ashley Crapo was a diligent student of the signs of the times, and after the proclamation of war he at once manifested his desire to join the army. Giving up a lucrative law practice in New York, he returned hundreds of miles to the West and went to Camp McKinley, at Keokuk, and enlisted as a private of Company F, in the Fiftieth Iowa Regiment. In charge of a squad he proceeded at once to join his company at Camp Cuba Libre. Speaking of his military service the *Evening Gazette* of Burlington said: "Here, bred though he was in the very lap of luxury, he exemplified the quality for which the American is known the world over, and at once adjusted himself to the plain fare, the hard drilling, and almost drudgery of the private soldier. He took his place in the ranks as a private soldier, willingly, yes, joyfully. For two months he drilled faithfully and uncomplainingly, shirking no duty of any kind. He enlisted with but one purpose in view — to fight for his country; and nothing, however unpleasant, made him turn from the patriotic path he had chosen.

"Later, though still ranking as a private,

Mr. Crapo was detailed as regimental quartermaster's clerk, a duty which he fulfilled as capably as he drilled and worked. When finally he was stricken with malarial fever, he refused to give up, and uncomplainingly continued his duties. Finally his condition became serious, and he was unable to leave the rude bed in the still ruder 'shack' or house. Still, though the surgeons advised his removal to the hospital, and offered him a furlough if he wished to return to his Iowa home, he refused, preferring, as he told every one, 'to stay with the boys.'

"He was finally taken to Saint Luke's Hospital, in Jacksonville, and his parents, hastily summoned, were at his bedside; but typhoid had set in, and he steadily became weaker until his death resulted.

"Among his associates, his comrades in the company and in the entire regiment, Private Crapo was well liked. Without exaggeration he was the most popular man in the company. Big and brave, both in stature and in heart, not a soldier but liked and admired him. His 'shack,' or rather his home in the company street, was a favorite gathering place, and Private Crapo, better educated than the majority, with ready wit and willing to entertain every one, was the life of the nightly assemblage often until long after 'taps.' His many good qualities were appreciated by private and officer alike."

His colonel, D. V. Jackson, said: "It always seemed a wonder to me that a young man of his education, experience, and tastes, could so readily conform to the hard usages of military life, and so cheerfully put up with the discomforts that a private soldier is compelled to endure, and many times I have looked at him admiringly as

he passed by, faithfully discharging every duty assigned to him. Death seems to love a shining mark. No acquisition of territory or wealth can make up to the nation the loss of such lives."

With the thoughtful consideration for his parents which was ever one of his strong characteristics, Ashley Crapo desired that his parents should not be notified at first of his illness; and when the news finally reached them, the mother was at Burlington, but the father was in Hartford, Conn. Each started for the bedside of their son, arriving in Florida on the same day, and were with him at the last. They then returned with his remains to Burlington, where he was accorded all the honors of a soldier's burial, the remains being met at the station by members of the Sixth Battery and the Grand Army Post, of Burlington, together with members of Company F. The Congregational church, in which the funeral services were held, was most beautifully draped by members of the Woman's Relief Corps and Soldiers' Aid Society, flags forming a background from the altar up to the ceiling, while the floral decorations were most profuse and beautiful. The funeral sermon was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Salter, who said: "We now mourn the death of one whose life was full of promise and hope, the pride of our hearts, of his home, of our city, of our schools, of our country. Endowed with a clear and vigorous mind that was enriched by the best culture, and prepared for active participation in the pursuits of business or of his chosen profession, at his country's call an enthusiasm for humanity inspired him to leave the bright prospects of promotion and advantage that were before him, and offer all, and offer his life upon the

altar of the republic. He knew the perils and hazards of war. He had heard them from lips that he honored and revered. He knew also how through such perils the nation had been saved, and its career and history been crowned with new luster for future times. A patriotic fire glowed in his bosom. Such was his sense of the nation's honor and glory, of its high place among other nations, that he would allow no personal consideration to hinder him from the sacrifice he willingly made with all a lover's ardent devotion. Determined to share in the conflict, the privations and hardships of camp life he bore with uncomplaining fortitude. Burdened with arduous and extra duties, he would not allow failing strength or wearisome fatigue to afford him a reason for seeking relief and rest, but with the firm persistence of his nature kept at his work until disease seized upon him with relentless grasp, and that young and vigorous frame, that bright and pleasing countenance, that warm and tender heart, succumbed to the inevitable hour of waste and dissolution and death.

"He was proud and happy to be a soldier of the republic, and a grateful nation honors his name and memory. It was not his fortune to face the enemy upon the field of battle, but his courage and devotion, his zeal and resolution, were the same as that of those who fought under Dewey or Schley or Sampson, or at Santiago.

"The war was filled with unexampled and entirely unexpected results. No greater marvels were ever accomplished in so short a space of time by the arbitrament of war in any of the campaigns of history. It is the faith of home that the cause of humanity, that the cause of liberty, that the cause of good government, that the cause of

civilization, has received a great advancement throughout the world. The one hundred days of the war, it is said, have made one hundred years of progress for human society. Other nations will be stimulated in the interest of advancing civilization, and a better time will be made to dawn for millions of people that have long been under the ban of cruelty and oppression.

"To these high objects the life and the death of Ashley Crapo have contributed his full measure of devotion and sacrifice. He died for all these interests — his country. Ah, my brethren, let us look at it truly, and let us say: He died for our country, for you, and for me, for the principles of the national life, for the sacred cause of liberty and union in the republic, now more than ever manifested to be 'one and inseparable.'"

It would be impossible in a work of this character to give all of the resolutions of respect and sympathy which were passed, or to tell of the words of condolence that came to the family uttering the praise of a soldier boy. Resolutions were passed by Washington Camp, No. 1, Nebraska Patriotic Sons of America, of which he had become a member on the 13th of June, 1896, in which was the following:—

"*Resolved*, That we have lost one of our brothers in the prime of youth, with a long, bright future before him — one who endeared himself to each one of us by his tender sympathy and manly courage, his cheerful manners and his moral rectitude; and we cherish his memory and hold sacred his death as a Patriotic Son of America, for he exemplified his love of country, not only with his lips, but with his life, by giving himself up to his country's service, and dying for her."

The resolution passed by Matthies Post, G. A. R., of Burlington, said:—

"Born among us in happy condition of life, bred under gentle influences, we recall a pleasant child whose bright promise his youth and manhood amply and easily fulfilled. His goodly presence corresponded with his mental and moral stature; of vigorous and inquisitive mind and retentive memory, he was a successful student.

"Diligent in business, with pleasant address and winning manner, simple and sincere, he had fairly begun a career of great usefulness in his profession of the law. Self-reliant and self-exacting, he was always true to himself, faithful to every duty as it came to him, 'standing for the right as it was given him to see the right.'

"The soldier in nowise lowered the standard of the civilian. To his last conscious moment he was resolute, steadfast, devoted, dutiful, as one following a high calling. And respect was had to his offering, his sacrifice was accepted, and he entered into life."

The Sons of the American Revolution, of Nebraska, the Douglas County (Nebraska) Bar, and the Burlington Bar also passed resolutions, as did Harvard College; and in the *Harvard Volunteers* appeared the following:—

"There are no more battles now. The men are returning and we see them about the college as before, but of course not all who went in the spring; for the work that these men had set out to do would not permit of that. And to those whom we shall not see here, either this year or the next, who fought as their teaching had told them, and did it well, to them full honor is owing, and to them is given in sadness the great love of this University of Harvard.

Hollister, Furness, Sanders, Crapo, Adsit, Lahman, Henshaw, Wheeler, Stover, Talcott—they are the men who have gone. They died in service, and when they were buried, United States troops stood at attention."

From his college comrades, from the friends of his early boyhood, from his associates of the bars of Nebraska and of New York City, came words of commendation, of praise, and of love concerning and for Philip Crapo. All who knew him were numbered among his friends, and it was because of his personal characteristics—his deep sympathy, his readiness to do a favor, his appreciation of good qualities in others, and his delight in all that makes life really worth living. Each letter that came seemed to breathe the same thought—"we had learned to love him." At the grave the military salute was given and the last taps were sounded, and wrapped in a flag of his country, for which he had given his life, the remains of Philip Ashley Crapo were interred; but the great circle of his friends, and they were as numerous as the circle of his acquaintance, have the firm belief that that which is great, and good, and noble is eternal, and may well entertain the spirit of James Whitcomb Riley's beautiful lines:—

"I can not say and I will not say
That he is dead—he's just away.
With a cheery smile and a wave of his hand,
He has wandered into an unknown land,
And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be, since he lingers there.

"And you, O you, who the wildest yearn
For the old-time step and the glad return—
Think of him as faring on, as dear
In the love of There as the love of Here;
Think of him still the same, I say—
He is not dead—he is just away."

GEORGE J. STEWART.

ONE of the oldest business men of Burlington, Iowa, and one who has pursued a long and successful career in this city, is George J. Stewart, of the Stewart & Hayden Co., plumbers. Mr. Stewart was born Dec. 15, 1842, in Edinburgh, Scotland, of good old Scotch ancestry, and when sixteen months old came to America with his parents, James and Barbara (Hill) Stewart, landing at the port of New York, and coming thence directly west and locating at Peoria, Ill. The father, who was a baker by trade, worked there in a shop for a time, and later established and successfully conducted a business for himself, but at the beginning of the Civil War he, with a son, James, now of Junction City, Kans., enlisted in the Sixty-fifth Volunteer Infantry, serving through the greater part of the war as a private in the Army of the Cumberland, and in the year 1864 died in Georgia of disease. In that southern land he was buried, amid the scenes of his sacrifice for the country's cause, and the place of his sepulture is not known to this day. The demise of his wife preceded his, she having died in 1857, at Peoria, and where she is buried. Both were people of the highest personal character, and were of the class who have given to our nation many of her most faithful and distinguished sons. They were the parents of five children, only three of whom, however, grew to maturity, these being, in order of birth: George J., our subject; James, of Junction City, Kans., who was for many years a plumber at Fort Riley, Kans.; and Mrs. Barbara Cameron, a widow, of Cass county, Ill.

In Peoria, George J. Stewart grew to manhood's estate, and obtained his educa-

tion, and then, desiring to prepare himself for the work of life by learning a trade, he went to St. Louis to apprentice himself as a plumber. But while in that city he witnessed one of the opening acts of the great drama of the Civil War, the taking of Camp Jackson, with the capitulation of the Southern troops, and being filled with enthusiasm for the cause of the North in its opposition to human slavery, he enlisted, while on a visit to his grandparents at Virginia, Cass county, Ill., in Company D, One Hundred Fourteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry,—a regiment composed principally of Sangamon county men, who had personal acquaintance with President Abraham Lincoln. His enlistment was in 1862 as a private, under Colonel Judy and Captain Berry, and he was with the Fifteenth, Sixteenth, and Seventeenth Army Corps, serving for a period of three years, and taking personal part in many hotly contested engagements, among which were the battles of Jackson, Miss., the battle of Black River Bridge, the famous siege of Vicksburg, the siege of Mobile, and the two days of fighting at Nashville under the command of General Thomas. In spite of all this arduous and dangerous duty, and after three years of continuous service in the heart of an enemy's country, he emerged from the conflict without a scar of battle, and returned to Illinois to resume the responsibilities of a life of peace.

Proceeding thence to St. Louis, he worked awhile as a journeyman plumber, and in 1867 came to Burlington, where he was similarly employed until 1869, when he became associated in the business of a regular plumbing establishment with W. F. Hayden, using the firm style of Stewart & Hayden. This partnership was most

pleasantly and profitably continued until Mr. Hayden's failing health prompted the organization of the partnership into a corporation, of which Mr. Hayden was president, and Mr. Stewart, secretary and treasurer. Mr. Hayden died in May, 1903, but his estate is still represented in the firm, which, since its incorporation, has been known as the Stewart-Hayden Company. The business, consisting of plumbing and steam-fitting, has always been conducted on North Main Street, and for many years at the present location, No. 310, the building occupied being a part of the corporate holdings. Mr. Stewart speaks most appreciatively of his late partner, Mr. Hayden, and of their pleasant business and social relations.

In 1870, Mr. Stewart was united in marriage to Miss Anna E. Valentine, who was born at Keosauqua, Iowa, and to them have been born five children, only two of whom survive. Carrie W., the younger of these, is at home with her parents, and Alice B. is the wife of W. B. Pilger, of Burlington, a clerk for the firm of Biklen & Wenzer, wholesale grocers. The family home, a modern frame structure of generous dimensions, is at 316 South Gunnison Street.

Mr. Stewart's lively interest in public affairs has led him to become a staunch supporter of the Republican party, in whose declared principles he is a believer, but he has never sought public recognition in the way of office, preferring to stand by his record as a private citizen. He is a member of Matthias Post, No. 5, Grand Army of the Republic, of which he has been commander for the past two years, an office he still holds. He has attended the State encampment at Des Moines, as well as the national encampment held a few years ago

at Chicago. For many years he has been a faithful worker in the First Methodist Episcopal church, and at the present time is an honored member of its official board, by whom his counsel is valued as that of one gifted with ability and one whose experience has been wide and diversified.

Mr. Stewart enjoys the distinction of being the oldest plumber in the city of Burlington, the county of Des Moines, and probably in the whole eastern portion of the State of Iowa. While age is not a merit in itself, his wealth of years is a fitting crown for a life well spent, an appropriate ornament of a strong and self-reliant character, self-respecting and respected, honored and honorable. Success has been his in full measure, both in the material and the higher aspects, and he has earned it fairly, by his own exertions, without the help of circumstance, kindred, or influential friends, and it comes to him as a right and just reward. Ever upright, and practicing the severest integrity in all his relations with mankind, he enjoys the unqualified respect of all and the profound regard of those who know him best, while his social nature and genial disposition have made him countless friends. Reverently to inscribe the chronicles of such a life is the most sacred duty of the historian.

CHARLES H. BIKLEN.

THE measure of man's success is not determined by the heights which he has reached, but is measured according to his starting-point. Entering business life in a humble capacity, Charles H. Biklen has progressed along lines of enterprise and perseverance until he has made for himself

a creditable place in the commercial circles of Burlington, being proprietor of a department store, which stands as the visible evidence of his diligence, energy, and close application. The German element in our American citizenship is a valued one, and of this he is a representative.

A native of Wurtemberg, Germany, he was born in Unterturkheim, July 16, 1849, his parents being Louis H. and Dorothea (Warth) Biklen, also natives of that country. The father was a stonecutter by trade, and thus supported his family until his death, which occurred when he was sixty years of age. His wife died at the age of seventy-four years. They were the parents of eight children. Charles H. Biklen, the youngest of the family, was only about a year old when his father died. At the usual age he entered the public schools, where he remained till fourteen years old, and continued to reside in his native province until sixteen years of age, when he and his brother Louis joined their brother Gottlieb in Burlington. They sailed from Havre, France, to New York, being thirty-seven days in crossing the Atlantic on a sailing vessel. They arrived at Burlington Nov. 22, 1856. Here Charles H. Biklen began earning his living by working in the confectionery manufactory of Runge & Brothers, with whom he remained for four and a half years, thoroughly mastering the business in principle and detail. He afterward clerked for his brother in Ottumwa, Iowa, for six months, and then returned to the trade of candy-making, in which business he continued until 1885. He began business on his own account in 1862, and in the venture met with success, giving to the public a grade of goods which insured a continuance of the public patronage.

His trade constantly increased, and he continued the manufacture of candy until 1893, when he withdrew from that branch of the trade. He had also conducted a restaurant in connection with the other branch of his business, but closed out both lines in the year mentioned, and established a department store, at 419 Jefferson Street, where he has since carried on business. Again, in his judicious selection of his stock, he has pleased the general public, and his business has been marked by a steady annual growth that is very gratifying. As his trade increased he was obliged to enlarge his store, and in 1900 he added the adjoining store, No. 417, now occupying all the floors of 417 and 419 Jefferson Street, and conducting an extensive business.

In 1865 Mr. Biklen was united in marriage to Miss Caroline C. Siegle, who was born in Unterturkheim, Wurtemberg, Germany, and came to America in 1854, with her parents, Christian and Marguerite Siegle, who landed at New York, and thence made their way to Peoria, Ill., where they were living at the time of their daughter's marriage. The father died in Peoria, at the age of eighty-three years, and the mother died there at the advanced age of ninety years. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Biklen have been born five children: Bertha, the wife of Rev. Philip Blaufuss, of Creston, Iowa; Louise M., at home; William C., a commercial traveler; Matilda, at home; and Herman, who is engaged in business in Burlington.

Mr. Biklen has never had occasion to regret his determination to try his fortune in America, for his ready adaptability enabled him to adjust himself to the different surroundings and varied business conditions of the New World, and he has made

each step in his business career count for advancement and accomplishment, brooking no obstacles that could be overcome by persistent energy and strong determination. Work — persistent, earnest work — has been the secret of his success, which has indeed been worthily won. Mr. Biklen has now a pleasant home at 523 South Seventh Street, Burlington, where, with his family, he is found happily surrounded when not engaged in his business.

CARL N. NELSON.

CARL N. NELSON, who in a brief period has risen to prominence in Burlington as an architect of extraordinary ability, was born in Sweden, the son of Lars and Anna Nelson, who are still living, the father in the seventy-third year of his age, and the mother in her sixty-third. Mr. Nelson accompanied his parents to America when but fourteen years of age, locating in Gibson City, Ill., where the father was engaged in farming, and where he attended the public schools for two years, and later pursued a four years' course of study in a technical school in order to secure thorough preparation for his chosen work. During the years of his study he supported himself by his own efforts, and by perseverance secured a fine education for his profession. On the conclusion of his studies he entered the office of an architect in Galesburg, Ill., where he was engaged in the practical work of his profession for a number of years. He then located in Burlington, and since that time has enjoyed a rapidly increasing success, having been the architect and supervisor of construction of many of the handsomest and

most important residences erected in Burlington during the last four years, among them being the residences of J. V. Richey, L. C. Wallbridge, and C. E. Otto; also the Lincoln School, an impressive structure. He has also done similar work in Washington, Winfield, Mediapolis, and many other surrounding towns, and has for this season of 1905 a number of important jobs.

At Edgar, Nebr., December, 1888, our subject wedded Miss Tena Olsen, who is a daughter of Samuel Olsen. Both her parents were born in Sweden, and came to the United States, locating in Jefferson county, Iowa, where Mrs. Nelson was born and reared. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson have three children, Alna, Veda, and Tessie. Mr. Nelson has never taken an active part in public affairs as a member of a political party, preferring to act independently in all matters affecting the general welfare. In his fraternal connections he is a member of Herald Lodge, No. 54, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has filled all chairs, and of Eureka Encampment, No. 2, which has also conferred upon him the honors of office. He is a member of the Lone Tree Fishing and Gun Club, and enjoys an enviable social standing, for his ability has won him universal admiration, while reputation has come to him by reason of his sterling traits of character and attractive personality.

HENRY LEMBERGER.

HENRY LEMBERGER, for many years prominent in the public and industrial activities of Burlington, was born May 4, 1840, in Louisville, Ky., a son of John G. and Katherine (Birtsch) Lemberger.

The father of our subject, who was by trade a stonecutter, as was also the grandfather, was born in 1809 in Stuttgart, Wurtemberg, and emigrated to America in 1828, landing at Philadelphia after a voyage of sixty-five days. In Philadelphia he learned the trade of a baker, remaining in that city for two years, then going west to Champaign county, Ohio, where he found work on a canal at his old trade of stonecutting, an employment which yielded him but fifty cents a day. Thence he went to Louisville, Ky., in 1838, and in 1841 he came to Burlington by way of the Mississippi River. The river becoming frozen, however, when he reached Keokuk, he traveled from there by ox-team, arriving in Burlington in March. Here he followed his trade until 1860, and in 1864 he became the partner of his son, our subject, in a manufacturing business. At his trade he was quite successful, and it was he who supplied the cut stone for the college at Galesburg, Ill., a great deal of the stone which he used being taken from a quarry near Gladstone, then called Sagetown. In Champaign county, Ohio, he was united in marriage with Miss Katherine Birtsch, who was born in the city of Baden in 1813, and came to America in 1828, landing at Baltimore, but after a voyage lasting for the remarkably extended period of ninety-four days, and during which, by reason of unforeseen delays, the passengers were constrained to subsist for a time on half rations, and finally on a fourth ration. To Mr. and Mrs. Lemberger were born ten children, of whom only six, however, grew to maturity. These were as follows: Fred, who was mortally wounded at the battle of Helena, Ark., July 4, 1863; Henry; Charles, who served through the Civil War, in Company F,

Fifty-seventh Illinois Infantry, and is now farming in this county; Minnie, wife of George M. West, and lives in Los Angeles, Cal.; John L., now of Los Angeles, Cal., who enlisted in the Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and served four months, or until the close of the war; and Jacob F., also of Los Angeles. Father and mother were both members of the Lutheran church, and in his political faith Mr. Lemberger was a Whig, and later a Republican. He was a man held in high esteem by the public and all who knew him, being called to several positions of honor and trust, including the offices of city alderman and township trustee, and was against his will made candidate for the office of recorder in 1873, but his death occurred in October of that year, and before the holding of the election.

Henry Lemberger, the subject of this review, was educated in the public schools of Burlington, and at the beginning of the Civil War in 1861 enlisted in the Iowa Lances, a full regiment organized for the government service, and excellently drilled. The regiment was not called into the field, however; and was disbanded after drilling for three months, during which it was encamped on West Hill, in Burlington. In 1864, Mr. Lemberger, taking his father into partnership, established a cigar factory in this city, continuing it with much success until 1877. In 1881 he again started a cigar business, conducting this venture until 1884, in partnership with Mr. L. M. Pilger, and running it exclusively as a wholesale business. In 1876 and 1877 he was elected for two terms as road supervisor, and during the former years he was for six months superintendent of the North Hill street-car line, of which company he was president upon its organization in 1875, and later

became secretary and treasurer, positions which he held until the property was sold. In 1885 he was elected marshal of the city of Burlington, and was re-elected three times, serving four terms aggregating four years. He then became night sergeant of the police force, acting in that important capacity until April, 1891, when he resigned. Some years later he held the office of constable at intervals for four years, and was also a member and the president of the school board of Sunnyside district for many years before it was included in the control of the city board. In 1900 he again became city marshal of Burlington by appointment of the mayor, discharging the duties of that position for two years with great credit to himself and benefit to the peace and good order of the municipality, and during the period he was also chief of police, *ex officio*.

On Oct. 14, 1865, he wedded Miss Louise Wollmann, daughter of John Wollmann, of Burlington, who brought his family from Germany in 1854. Mrs. Lemberger was born Oct. 31, 1843, and died Sept. 24, 1886, universally regretted among her acquaintances and friends, among whom the fine traits of her character won her deep regard. To Mr. and Mrs. Lemberger were born six children, two of whom died at the age of five years, and those living are as follows: Gustave A., shipping clerk with E. D. Winters & Company; Henry W., a saddler in St. Louis; Fred G., a linotype operator in the office of the *Hawk-Eye*, Burlington; and Louise W. Our subject occupies a comfortable home at 1857 Lemberger Street, named for him by the city council of Burlington, and here he leads a retired life, although he maintains his vineyard and small orchard for the sake of the interest which he finds in their care and

supervision. Always active in politics, Mr. Lemberger was a Republican until 1872, but since that time has been a member of the Democratic party. He cast his first vote in the first ward of Burlington in 1861, and since that time has never missed participating in an election, and has always voted in the same ward. He is of genial and cordial disposition, and enjoys a wide friendship, while the strict and rigid rules by which he has squared all his dealings with his fellow-men have won him unvarying respect. As a public officer, his record is one of great efficiency and constant devotion to duty, often in circumstances requiring the highest courage and determination in times of personal danger, so that it may be said of him that to every private relation he has been true, to every public trust faithful, and ever steadfast in following his own sense of duty and right.

DR. FRANK P. HANAPHY.

PROBABLY no calling or profession requires greater nor more unselfish devotion on the part of those who would follow it successfully than does that of medicine. Dr. Frank P. Hanaphy, now engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery at Augusta, has won his way upward by constant and persistent effort, as well as by the exercise of natural abilities of a high order, urged thereto by a laudable desire to serve his fellow-men. Dr. Hanaphy was born near Mount Pleasant, Henry county, Iowa, on April 11, 1864, a son of Peter and Bridget (Cloonan) Hanaphy. The parents were both natives of Kings county, Ireland, whence they came to

America, and settled in New Jersey in 1851. The father, who was all his life a farmer, brought his family to Iowa about 1856, locating near Mount Pleasant, where his death occurred in the eighty-seventh year of his age. Politically, he was identified with the Democracy, and in his religious faith was a lifelong member of the Roman Catholic church. The mother died in 1889 at the age of seventy-three years, and both are buried near Mount Pleasant. They were the parents of four children, as follows: Patrick, who was born in Ireland, and now resides at Shawnee, Oklahoma, where he is engaged in the wholesale candy business as a manufacturer; James, who is a resident of Henry county, Iowa; Margaret, wife of Charles Muldowney, of Roosevelt, Oklahoma; and Dr. Frank P., subject of the present review.

The education of Dr. Hanaphy was begun in the rural district schools, and after attending the city schools of Mount Pleasant for a time, he entered Howe's Academy at that place. He pursued the full course of study, and after being graduated from the institution, as a convenient step along the road of advancement, taught school for about four years in the district schools of Henry county. Ambitious to enter the medical profession, he then matriculated in the medical department of the Iowa State University, from which he was graduated March 7, 1889, with the degree of M. D. Ambitious of still farther progress in his chosen work, he in 1894 took a post-graduate course in the Chicago Polyclinic, thus rendering his equipment peculiarly complete. Upon his graduation from the university he began professional practice

in the city of Burlington, continuing there for two years, at the expiration of which period he was tendered the appointment of surgeon for the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fé Railroad, with headquarters at the railroad company's hospital at Temple, Texas. After being in charge of the hospital for three and one-half years,—a time which he holds especially valuable from the viewpoint of experience gained,—he returned North and resumed his practice at Burlington, continuing there until 1896 with very satisfactory success. During the year 1894-95 he occupied the office of city physician of the city of Burlington. In 1896 he removed to Augusta, having engaged in practice there continuously since that time, and the field of his labors has grown rapidly, at the present time extending throughout the greater portion of six or seven townships, located in Des Moines, Lee, and Henry counties.

On July 2, 1902, Dr. Hanaphy wedded Miss Emma Gross, who was born in Des Moines county, a daughter of John and Anna (Wilkes) Gross. Mr. and Mrs. Gross are well-known residents of Augusta, and a sketch of their family and lineage will be found elsewhere in the present volume. To Dr. and Mrs. Hanaphy have been born two sons, Keran Paul and Francis Patrick, both born in Augusta. Dr. and Mrs. Hanaphy with their sons, are members of the Catholic church. Dr. Hanaphy has long been interested in matters of politics as a member of the Democratic party, in whose ranks he has been a worker, but has never sought the honor of public office for himself, believing that his first duty lies in the direction of his professional work.

FRANK ALFRED JOHNSON.

A CAREFUL and methodical farmer, a conscientious citizen, a good neighbor and friend, and a sincere Christian, Frank A. Johnson has by his own unaided efforts won such a meed of success that the historian is glad to record his name as an incentive to those who may become discouraged by the seeming monotony and endless routine of daily duties. Frank Alfred Johnson was the son of John August and Hattie (Davis) Johnson, and first saw the light in Huron township, Des Moines county, Jan. 10, 1871. He was reared on the farm, acquiring in youth the habits of industry and frugality which have been so potent in spelling success for him in later years. He received his education in the district schools of Huron township, and after finishing his schooling, remained on the home farm until he was twenty-two years of age.

At this time he felt that the time had come for him to branch out into business for himself, and accordingly rented the Lamb farm, one mile west of Mediapolis, where he lived for two years, and then rented the Swank farm in Huron township for a term of five years. This was an estate of three hundred and twenty acres, of which he had the entire control. Before his lease on this place had expired, he bought what is known as the Woodside farm, consisting of two hundred and eight acres, and for a time superintended operations on both of these large tracts, thus showing a high degree of executive ability, as well as a thorough working knowledge of the practical side of farming on a large scale. The following year

he moved onto this Woodside farm, and lived there until he sold it to James Bishop. He then bought eighty acres of rich land from Mrs. Hedge, which he has made his home farm, and has improved it in many ways since it has come into his possession. He has increased the productivity of the soil, has tilled the land, has built new buildings to accommodate the abundant products of the soil and the fine stock that he has put on it, and has enlarged the buildings that were already on it. He has made a specialty of cattle- and hog-raising, keeping high-grade stock, and showing by his success that the keeping of the best not only raises the wealth of the community and gives it higher rank among farming localities, but also makes more certainly for the financial success of the breeder himself. Mr. Johnson has thirty head of cattle, of the Hereford breed. He is also a very successful breeder of Poland China hogs, having some years raised as many as one hundred and fifty, and now having about seventy-five.

Mr. Johnson was married April 15, 1896, his bride being Miss Helda Swanson. Mrs. Johnson claims Sweden as the land of her nativity, having been born in that country Oct. 26, 1877, the daughter of Gustav Adolph and Charlotte (Strand) Swanson. Mrs. Johnson's father died in 1881, and her mother afterward married C. M. Anderson, and now makes her home in Mediapolis, this county. To Mr. and Mrs. Johnson three children have been born: Edith, born Jan. 9, 1897; Mildred, born Nov. 15, 1899; and Everett, born July 4, 1902.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are both members of the Swedish Lutheran church, are



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devoted to the doctrines and practice of the Christian faith, and have ever been generous in the support of charitable and benevolent movements. Mr. Johnson is very active in the work of the church, in which he holds the office of deacon. He has made a study of most of the public questions of the day, and has taken considerable interest in matters of politics, acting with the Republican party, and has given much thought and effort to the up-building of his own immediate community. He is usually appointed as delegate to the county conventions, and has at different times been asked to take the office of trustee of Huron township, and also the same office for Yellow Springs township, but has found it advisable to decline.

Mr. Johnson is a member of the Modern Woodmen, in the camp of Mediapolis, and has many warm and admiring friends among the Neighbors of this fraternity. He has taken a vital interest in the progress of educational interests in the community, serving with great efficiency as one of the school directors at the present time. In all his enterprises he has been very successful, and the ability thus displayed, combined with his well-known character of integrity and frank and open methods in all his dealings, has made him many friends, who give him their confidence and respect.

SEIBERT MAGLE.

SEIBERT MAGLE, who was at one time an enterprising and respected farmer and valued pioneer settler of Des Moines county, was born in Germany, about 1812. In 1835, when he was about twenty years

of age he emigrated to America. He had been reared as a farmer boy, and had a fair common-school education. He made the voyage alone to the New World, and came direct to Iowa, where his first work was on the dam for a mill at Augusta. There he earned fifty cents per day. His cash capital when he landed in New York was but half a dollar, but determination and energy formed the basis of success, and as years passed by he accumulated a handsome competence. He was married to Miss Maria Lee, who came to America with her parents, Conrad and Elizabeth Lee, who settled in Union township. They, too, were in limited financial circumstances, and took up land from the government. The acquaintance which Mr. and Mrs. Magle had formed in the Fatherland was renewed, and in Union township their marriage was celebrated. Soon afterward Mr. Magle secured a small tract of timber land, and he and a neighbor owning a cow and a horse, between them made a team in this way, which they used in cultivating their fields. Subsequently Mr. Magle sold this property, and purchased prairie land in Union township, near Burlington. He bought there two hundred and forty acres of land, for which he paid twelve and a half dollars per acre. He then took up his abode in the small frame house that was upon the place, living there until it was destroyed by fire. He afterward built a two-story brick residence, which is now the property of his son, Peter Magel. There Seibert Magle spent his remaining days. He became blind twenty-two years prior to his death, but was always able to transact business. As the years passed he became a wealthy man, and his suc-

cess was certainly well merited, for it was the result of his careful management, keen business discernment, and above all, his untiring labor. In his political views Mr. Magle was a Democrat, but never sought or desired office. He held membership in the German Lutheran church, taking an active part in its work, and assisted materially in the advancement of the cause of Christianity in his neighborhood. In 1896 he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, and he survived her only until Aug. 9, 1897, their remains being interred in Rock Springs cemetery. They were among the worthy pioneer people of Des Moines county, respected for their many excellent traits of character, and they left behind them an untarnished name as well as a considerable estate. Of their children ten reached mature years, while eight are still living. The family record is as follows: William, a resident of Burlington; Henry; Charles, who is living in Fremont county, Iowa; Mary, the wife of Julius Schafer, of Burlington; Conrad, of Fremont county; Theodore, who was killed by the kick of a horse, leaving a family of four children, who reside in Fremont county; Margaret, the wife of Henry Steyh, of Burlington; Peter, who lives in Burlington; Benjamin, a resident of Union township; and Elizabeth, who became the wife of William Hillgardner, of Union township, now dead, and left nine children.

Henry Magle, a retired farmer, and the president of the Burlington Rural Telephone Company, resides on Section 17, Union township, Des Moines county, where he has a beautiful home, which, with its splendid equipment, is indicative of his progressive spirit and also his life

of activity, whereby he has become one of the substantial residents of this part of the State. He is a native son of the county, his birth having occurred in Union township, July 21, 1843. He spent his boyhood days upon the home farm, and in the district schools of the neighborhood acquired a good education. On attaining his majority he started out in life for himself, and was employed as a farm hand by the month for two years. He did not save much during that period, but later he rented land from his father, and thus gained his start. After leasing land for about six years he purchased one hundred acres at fifty dollars per acre, locating on Section 6, Union township. This he began to farm in 1867. Eighty acres of the place was prairie, while twenty acres were covered with timber. There he lived for a year after his marriage, at the end of which time he purchased one hundred acres of his present farm from his brother-in-law, paying for this fifty dollars per acre. His original home here was a log cabin, but he has since erected modern buildings, and in fact has one of the finest country homes of the county, the place being supplied with water-works, while hot and cold water is piped to all parts of the house and also to the barn. There are good outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock, and everything about the farm is most convenient. He has also extended its boundaries by additional purchases, and now has about two hundred and fifty-five acres.

In the fall of 1902, feeling the need of a telephone, Mr. Magle began agitating the subject, and he and two other farmers of the neighborhood determined to organize a local telephone system, having no

idea of making this an extensive business, but simply an accomodation for their own use. Several neighborhood meetings were held in order to discuss the subject of a mutual company, but it was found that this idea would not be practical; so Mr. Magle, in connection with E. W. Romkey and N. C. Hanson, decided to organize a stock company. Mr. Romkey was made president and Mr. Magle vice-president, while N. C. Hanson became secretary and treasurer. They started with thirty-six phones and about thirty miles of wiring, but this has been extended to three hundred miles, and there are now nearly three hundred subscribers. It has proved a paying investment as well as a marked convenience to the rural district.

On Dec. 22, 1870, Mr. Magle was united in marriage in Union township to Miss Catharine Walker, who is a native of that township, and a daughter of James O. and Louisa (Short) Walker. She had good school advantages, and was reared in her native county. Three children have been born unto them: Rosa M., now the wife of John Stein, living on the home place with their one daughter, Catharine Louisa; Charles Henry, who married Lutie Penny, and lives in West Burlington; and James Seibert, at home.

Mr. Magle was reared in the Democratic faith, his father and his brothers being adherents of the Democracy; but his study of the questions and issues of the day led him to give his support to the Republican party, and he voted for Abraham Lincoln in 1864. He has never been an office-seeker, but upon the solicitation of his fellow-townsmen he accepted the position as assessor, serving for four years, and was also trustee for three

years. He is a supporter of the Methodist Episcopal church. He has always been a man of action rather than of theory, and possesses much force of character and strong individuality. Looking at life from a practical standpoint, he is successful; and that he has utilized his opportunities to good advantage, and exercised his intellectual talents with force, is indicated by the fact that he is to-day one of the substantial agriculturists of Des Moines county.

BENJAMIN MAGEL.

BENJAMIN MAGEL, numbered among Des Moines county's most prosperous agriculturists, and now residing on his large farm in Section 6, Union township, was born at the old family home in Section 11 of the same township, on Dec. 29, 1862. His father was Seibert Magle, well known in Des Moines county as a successful farmer. Seibert Magle was born about six miles from Giessen, in the province of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, on Jan. 5, 1812, and in his native place received a fair education in the common schools; but his parents were poor, so that at a very early age he was obliged to begin earning a living by his own efforts, and also to aid in the support of the family. According to the meager data obtainable, he seems to have been the only son of his parents, but there were at least two sisters. Being of an enterprising disposition, he decided while yet a young man to emigrate to a new country, where opportunities were more abundant, and in 1835 came to America with a party of homeseek-

ers. When they landed at Baltimore, he had not a cent of money, but he possessed a watch and a gun, and these articles he sold for about \$25, which was all the capital he had on which to begin life in a strange land. He at once started westward with the party, traveling by way of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers, although part of the journey was made overland. Horses were hired to haul the chests of household goods and provisions, while the men walked, and the women either walked or rode as they pleased. The intention of the party was to reach what is now the city of Burlington, then called Flint Hills, but by some mistake they went to a point about eight or nine miles farther up the river, on the Illinois side, near the present site of Oquawka. The error was soon corrected, however, and the young German pioneer found himself at Burlington without money or other resources except his own strength, determination, and practical ability. He at once secured employment in helping to build the first dam across the Skunk River, which was erected to secure power for a grist-mill. For this work he was paid at the rate of twenty-five cents a day, out of which sum he paid for his board and lodging. With the party of immigrants, of which the father of our subject was a member, also came Miss Mary Lecht, accompanied by her brother Conrad, and on April 1, 1837, she was united in marriage to Mr. Magel. Subsequently he and Conrad Pfeiff associated themselves together and entered a "homestead" of public land, building on it one log house for the use of the two families. When the national government became ready to put the land on the market they were without money, but rather than lose their homestead, they borrowed money of a Mr. Kas-

sel, paying fifty per cent a year for it, and thus saved their possessions.

On his homestead the elder Magel resided until about 1848 or 1850, when he removed to a farm which he had bought nearer Burlington. In 1855 the family suffered an almost overwhelming misfortune from a visitation of fire, which destroyed their home. It was at midnight on a night in January of that year, with the snow covering the ground a foot deep, and they suffered great hardship, besides losing almost everything they possessed, for insurance was by no means usual in those days. The house, however, they soon rebuilt, and there Seibert Magle passed the remainder of his life, by strenuous exertion and great care recouping his loss and becoming comparatively wealthy. There also his death occurred on Aug. 9, 1897. Twenty-two years prior to his death he became totally blind, but this did not incapacitate him for business transactions and the general supervision of his affairs, in which he always retained an active and intelligent interest. The death of his wife preceded his own by six months, the date of her demise being Dec. 6, 1896. They were the parents of eighteen children, of whom eight died in infancy, while of those who attained years of maturity eight still survive.

The boyhood of Benjamin Magel was passed in the work of the home farm and in the acquirement of a good education in the district schools. From his earliest years he performed a share of the farm work, and later worked occasionally for neighboring farmers, but the money he earned in this way he always turned over to his father until after attaining his twenty-first year. After that he rented his father's farm for a share of the produce for several years, and in this

enterprise he had excellent success. In the city of Burlington, on Jan. 28, 1892, he wedded Miss Katherine Gutekunst, a native of that city, and daughter of J. Martin and Katherine (Helcher) Gutekunst. The parents of Mrs. Magel are both natives of Germany, and combine in themselves many of the characteristic virtues of their nationality. To Mr. and Mrs. Magel have been born two children: Harold, aged nine years, and Marie, now in her seventh year.

In 1892 Mr. Magel purchased his present large farm of two hundred and thirteen acres in Union township, removing to the new home on March 1, 1893, and here he has surrounded his family with the comforts and many of the luxuries of life. He has brought the farm to a high state of improvement, remodeling a number of the buildings, erecting barns and other necessary structures, and introducing a general atmosphere of neatness and order. Mr. Magel is a man deeply interested in the progressive movements of the times, and is a careful student of public questions. In his political attitude he maintains individual independence, and while his first ballot at a presidential contest was cast for Grover Cleveland, he supported the candidacy of President Roosevelt in 1904. Public spirited in every way, he also takes an interest in church work and religious affairs. He was reared in the faith of the German Evangelical denomination, and he and Mrs. Magel attend the services of the church near their home.

CLARENCE J. MAGEL.

CLARENCE J. MAGEL, of Union township, belongs to a prominent family which is well known through the county, his father being

a life-long resident of the township, and his paternal grandfather was one of the early pioneers. Clarence J. Magel is a son of Peter and Alice (Blakeway) Magel, and was born on the old homestead he now occupies, June 16, 1883. His father was born on an adjoining farm in 1849, and is a son of Seibert Magle, a fine old gentleman whom it was a pleasure to know and count as a friend. The father of our subject always lived in the neighborhood where he was born, and started out in life a poor man, but has now by great industry, rigid economy, and honest principles accumulated two hundred and twenty-three acres of the best land in the township, and is able to retire from the activities of life, and is spending his time in a pleasant home in Burlington. A more complete sketch of him will appear in this volume.

Our subject received his early education in the district school, and then later was a student at Elliott's Business College in the city of Burlington for six months. He then returned to the home farm and assisted his father till he retired in 1905. After this Mr. Magel assumed entire charge of the farm, and devotes all of his time to general farming and the raising of full-blooded stock.

Jan. 18, 1905, Mr. Magel was married to Miss Rosa Ihrer, of Union township. She is a daughter of William and Rosa (Warth) Ihrer, and was born and educated in Burlington, Iowa, but later moved with her parents to Union township. She is a consistent member of the German Lutheran church. Mr. Magel is a good Democrat, and always rallies to the hearty support of the party, but does not care to be an active politician in the holding of any office. If he continues as he has begun—active, ener-

getic and exhibiting good-will toward all—we bespeak that in a short time he, too, will, like his father, be able to retire and enjoy the fruits of his early labor.

PETER MAGEL.

PETER MAGEL, a retired farmer now living on Garfield Avenue, in Burlington, is well and favorably known to the people of Des Moines county, where he has for over half a century been a witness of its expansion, growth, and substantial progress. He is a son of Seibert and Marie (Lee) Magle, and was born near Rock Springs, Union township, Feb. 15, 1849. His education was acquired in the Buena Vista school and the German school in Burlington, after which he returned to his home, and remained till he was about twenty-two years of age in the employ of his father. In 1871 he rented a part of his father's farm, which he farmed till 1876, when he purchased ninety-one acres of land of his father and built a nice home, where he lived till he retired from farming. From time to time Mr. Magel added to his farm as follows: During the '80's he bought thirty-one acres from F. J. Warth; in 1898 he purchased the old homestead, consisting of one hundred and twenty-eight acres, and in 1900 bought forty acres from the Stephens heirs. He has put good and substantial buildings on the home place, and has also tiled the land, which fact makes it better for general use. Besides being engaged as a general farmer and stock-raiser, Mr. Magel was engaged in the cultivation of small fruit, and in 1903 set out six hundred fruit trees of various kinds. He also owns five hundred and thirty-three acres,

of which three hundred and sixty acres are improved, in Graham county, Kansas, which he bought in 1884.

Jan. 1, 1879, Mr. Magel married Miss Alice Blakeway, daughter of John C. and Narcissus Blakeway. They are the parents of two children: George Seibert, born Oct. 1, 1879, and married Miss Emma Grothe March 15, 1905; John Clarence, born June 16, 1883, married Miss Rosa Ihrer Jan. 18, 1905. Mr. Magel is a sound Democrat, and served as school treasurer in Union township for eighteen years and road supervisor for ten years. April 17, 1903, he bought a large house in the city which he is improving, and where he can live very comfortably after so many years of activity. He has rented his farm to his sons, who are well known in this vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. Magel are both attendants of the Methodist church. His record is a fair example of what industry, integrity, and willing hands can accomplish; and though Union township could ill afford to lose a citizen who was held in such high regard, still Burlington is to be congratulated as claiming Mr. Magel as one of her honored residents.

GEORGE SEIBERT MAGEL.

GEORGE SEIBERT MAGEL, a well-known and highly respected farmer of Union township, is indebted to no one but himself for the progress he has made in life, aside from a good education, for obtaining which an opportunity was given him by his father. He started out empty handed, but as this record will show, has made the best use of all of his opportunities, and now is on the road to riches and comfort.

He is a son of Peter and Alice (Blakeway) Magel, his birth occurring on his father's adjoining farm, Oct. 16, 1879. His father was one of the most successful agriculturists of the county, where he owned a very large tract of land, and where he lived and farmed till he retired in 1905, when he moved to Burlington, where he has a pleasant home. The sketch of his father and brother, Clarence J., may be found elsewhere in this review.

Our subject as a lad was bright and ever ready to attend the district school, where he made rapid progress; and later spent some months at Elliott's Business College, where he gained a fair knowledge of mercantile life. During his boyhood days he had always helped his father with the farm work, and had become quite familiar with the care and feeding of stock; and so when his school life was ended, he still preferred to remain on his grandfather's farm. In 1905 he began to farm independently, and occupies and operates about one hundred acres of his father's farm, which is about three miles from Burlington. March 15, 1905, Mr. Magel was married to Miss Emma Grothe, a daughter of Fred C. Grothe, who now lives retired on South Adams Street. Mrs. Magel was born and educated in the city of Burlington, Iowa, and is a great help to her husband and an agreeable acquisition to the neighborhood. Mr. Magel generally casts his vote independently, preferring to assist those whom he thinks best qualified to hold offices of trust, and at the same time bring credit to the community. Mr. Magel has largely inherited those characteristics of his father and grandfather that are calculated to make a thrifty and enterprising farmer, and these, together with strong will and firm determination, will bring success to any man.

Through his straightforward and strict adherence to the principles of right, he has made many friends in the county.

FRANK CHARLES TABOR.

FRANK CHARLES TABOR, for many years very prominently identified with the business interests of the city of Burlington, Iowa, and now living at his pleasant home at 501 S. Ninth Street was born Aug. 27, 1861, at Webster City, Iowa, his paternal and maternal ancestry being of New York and Vermont, respectively. The family emigrated to the West during the pioneer period, and became intimately connected with the early history of Iowa in its more vital phases, the grandfather, Charles Amy, a druggist by profession, being in public life, and elected the first treasurer of Calhoun county. The father, who followed the trade of cabinet-making, enlisted in an Iowa infantry regiment as a soldier for the Civil War, and after a service of eighteen months was discharged on account of wounds received in battle, from the effects of which he afterward died. The mother is also deceased, and but one sister and one brother of our subject survive.

When eight years of age Mr. Tabor removed with his parents to Calhoun county, and it was there that he received his education in the public schools. On the completion of his formal schooling, he became an apprentice to the printing trade in the office of the *Lake City Blade*, under the proprietorship of T. B. Hotchkiss. In this position he continued for a number of years, meantime working his way to the rank of journeyman, and in 1884 came to Burling-

ton to take a place in the office of the *Hawk-Eye*, then published by Jno. W. Burdette. One year later he was transferred by Mr. Burdette to the job printing department, and acted as foreman of his printing plant for about four years, meeting with full success in the difficult duties of this responsible position, and at the same time acquiring that experience which afterward contributed so largely to his success in independent business enterprises. On severing this connection, Mr. Tabor, in association with a number of other gentlemen, formed the Commercial Printing Company, a stock company with a capitalization of \$10,000, which proved to be a profitable venture in a pecuniary sense; and Mr. Tabor finally acquired the other interests by purchase, becoming the sole proprietor, and in this capacity continuing the business very successfully for eight years. He then combined his business with the Burlington Paper Box Factory, forming a corporation under the name of the Tabor-Burns Company, becoming president of the new company; and in this capacity he directed the policies of the combined enterprise until Nov. 1, 1904, at which time he sold his stock, and after a four months' vacation, bought a half interest in the plumbing business, incorporating under the name of McElhinney & Tabor Company.

On July 1, 1886, Mr. Tabor wedded Miss Emma J. Anderson, daughter of A. P. and Helen (Farson) Anderson, and to their union have been born nine sons and daughters, as follows: Ruth, who died at the age of seven years; Amy; Etta; Ada, who died when fifteen months of age; Bessie, whose death occurred in her seventh year; two sons who died in infancy; Edith; and Earl.

Always public-spirited, but never caring

to claim for himself the honors of public office, Mr. Tabor gives his political allegiance in matters of national policy to the Republican party, of which he is a valued member, but in questions of local government consults his personal estimate of the issues and men involved rather than the narrow demarkation of partisan lines. Fraternally, he sustains pleasant membership relations with the Modern Woodmen of America, the N. P. L., the Iowa State Traveling Men's Association, and the Court of Honor, and having at heart the higher interests of the community, is a generous contributor and zealous worker for the cause of religion, being a member of Grace Methodist Episcopal church, of whose board of trustees he is a member, and for the past two years has been president, an office which he now holds.

By the exercise of care, diligence, and sound judgment, combined with methods of absolute rectitude in all his dealings, Mr. Tabor has acquired a very comfortable competency, and at the same time his genial disposition has gained him many friends; while his unimpeachable integrity and the sterling qualities of his character have won him the universal regard, and made his name and record a matter of just pride to his adopted city, so that by whatever scale of success his life be measured, it will not be found wanting, but constitutes a fitting example for the emulation of ambitious youth.

MILLARD B. CALKINS.

MILLARD B. CALKINS, of Burlington, was for many years identified with horticultural and agricultural interests in Des Moines

county, and for the past six years has been solicitor for the firm of Leyda & Company, dealers in monuments. His has been an eventful record, characterized by honor and usefulness, and he is especially deserving of mention for the part which he performed in connection with the preservation of the Union during the dark days of the Civil War.

Mr. Calkins was born in Seward, Schoharie county, N. Y., and is descended from a very ancient English family. Authentic record is obtainable concerning one of the ancestors, William Colkins (for so the name was then spelled), who lived at the time of King John, about A. D. 1200. Hugh Calkins, the earliest American ancestor, was born in Chepston, Monmouthshire, Wales, in 1600. Stephen Calkins was a resident of Sharon, Conn., and his son, Elijah Calkins, was a Revolutionary soldier, serving with the patriot army. The records show that over four hundred and thirty members of the Calkins family served in the Civil War, and the family has been represented in six different wars of the country, including the Indian wars, the Revolution, the War of 1812, the Mexican, the Civil, and the Spanish-American War. Hezekiah Calkins, son of Elijah Calkins, was the grandfather of Millard B. Calkins. For more complete history of the early family, see the Calkins genealogy.

Elijah C. Calkins, son of Hezekiah Calkins, was born in Schoharie county, New York, and became a farmer by occupation. He was also connected with woolen, saw, and grist mills in New York. His wife died in that State March 3, 1855, and in 1857 he located in Burlington, coming to the West with two daughters. In his later years he was in poor health, and he died in 1873,

at the age of seventy-four years, his remains being interred in Shiloh cemetery, southwest of Burlington. He engaged in business as a salesman of nursery stock, books, etc., and lived an active life, although he did not accumulate much wealth. He was a devoted member of the Methodist church. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Harriet Hedge, was born in Connecticut. Mr. Calkins was twice married, his first wife being Miss Patra, by whom he had three children, of whom two reached adult age, Elijah H., and Lorenzo D., but both are now deceased. By the second marriage there were four children, namely: John S. Calkins, of Los Angeles, Cal.; Millard B.; Celia, the wife of Nathaniel Backus, of Gainesville, Ga.; and Anna E., the widow of John Cannon, and a resident of Gainesville.

Millard B. Calkins removed from the Empire State to Burlington in 1855. The fall before the father and two sisters came our subject made the trip with his brother, John S., and for eleven months he was employed in a dairy in this city. He afterward did some farm work, and later with his brother, his wife and sister, drove across the country to Nebraska, where he remained for two years, during which time he secured two claims. He was then only eighteen years of age. He carried brick and mortar for the construction of public works in that State, and while thus engaged he lost his claims, one of which was jumped by another man, who held it, Mr. Calkins being then in his minority. Later he returned to Burlington, and worked with his brother, in which way he accumulated some means, which he invested in nursery stock, and then established a nursery at Cape Girardeau, Mo. He had there twenty two thousand

apple trees on three acres of ground, which he leased.

About that time the war broke out, and Mr. Calkins, jumping on a stage, left Missouri and came to Burlington. While he was in Cape Girardeau effort was made to force him into the Confederate army, but he evaded them and returned to this city, leaving his nursery stock to thrive as best it could. In July, 1861, he enlisted in the home guards in Union township, and on the 10th of October of the same year he enlisted at Burlington in Company K (under Captain John Campbell), Fourteenth Iowa Infantry as a private, serving until Feb. 6, 1863. He was under Captain Leonard (afterward major), Colonel Shaw, and General Smith as division commander, and the regiment was attached to General Grant's army. Mr. Calkins engaged in the three days' fight at Fort Donelson, on the 13th, 14th, and 15th of February, 1862, the fort surrendering on the following day. He was also in the battle of Shiloh on the 6th of April, 1862, being with the brigade which was styled by the rebel General Johnston, the "Hornets' Nest Brigade." It was under command of General Tuttle, and comprised the Second, Eighth, Twelfth, and Fourteenth Iowa Regiments. The troops remaining uninjured after the battle were taken prisoners by Johnston's army, and kept in an open cornfield the first night, exposed to a cold rain, and were then marched on the double-quick to Corinth, put in box cars, and taken to Memphis, arriving the next evening. Four days later they were transferred to Mobile, where Mr. Calkins lay ill with typhoid pneumonia for six weeks. Those who were able were then exchanged, and returned to the front. Mr. Calkins was kept a prisoner during his illness, and was

then sent to Montgomery, Ala., and thence to Chattanooga, Tenn., where for three weeks he was ill with lung fever. He was afterward sick in Atlanta for three weeks, and was taken from there dead, as it was supposed. The car, thought to contain the dead, was sidetracked; but it was discovered that life was not extinct in Mr. Calkins, and he was taken to the hospital. For three months he was at Macon, Ga., and was kept with his mess comrade, who refused to allow him to be taken to the hospital. He regained his health there, although he weighed less than one hundred pounds. He was then taken to Libby Prison on a seven days' trip by train, many of the boys dying during that journey. He was at Libby for a week, after which he was paroled, and taken to Akin's Landing, a distance of twelve miles; after which he was sent by boat to Annapolis, Md., and after five weeks went to Harrisburg, thence to Chicago, and later to St. Louis, where he was mustered out and honorably discharged. He was for six months and fifteen days held as a prisoner, and was ill all of that time; but while at Annapolis he gained fifty-one pounds in five weeks. He was discharged on account of disability occasioned by lung and heart trouble. In 1864 he enlisted in the State militia at Burlington, and was made lieutenant under Captain Comstock.

On the 19th of October, 1864, Mr. Calkins was married to Miss Serena Seamans, of Burlington, who was born in Des Moines county, a daughter of B. B. and Jane (Crawford) Seamans. Her parents, born in Pennsylvania, were reared in Ohio, and were married in that State. They came to Des Moines county about 1834, at a time when Indians still lived in this locality, and the father entered land about five miles

west of the city. At one time he owned a thousand acres of land in Des Moines county, including the old Governor Chambers farm of over five hundred acres. He went to California in 1851 because of failing health, taking with him five hundred dollars in gold. He thought the trip might prove beneficial, but he died fifteen days after reaching his destination. He was an Abolitionist. His father was one of the patriots of the Revolutionary War, and B. B. Seamans had in his possession various guns, powder flasks, and leather ammunition sacks, which were relics of that struggle. After the death of her first husband Mrs. Seamans married David Larrison, also now deceased. Her death occurred in 1886, when she was ninety-three years of age. Mrs. Calkins had seven brothers and one sister, and three of the family are now living. Her eldest brother, B. B. Seamans, was the first white child born in Des Moines county, the date of his birth being July, 1835. He died in 1901, at the age of sixty-six years, while visiting in Missouri, and his remains were interred in Aspen Grove cemetery. The living members of the Seamans family are Mrs. Calkins; James, of New Mexico; and Louis, of Zanesville, Ohio.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Calkins were born five children: Edwin M., who married Elizabeth M. Cockerell, and is living in Sedalia, Mo.; Ella L., the wife of Albert Ludwig, of Arlington, Nebr.; Anna J., the wife of Wellington Knight, of Burlington; Kate L.; and LeRoy D., a resident of Sedalia, Mo. There are also six grandchildren.

Following his marriage Mr. Calkins engaged in farming for seven years in Danville township, where he owned and operated one hundred and sixty acres of land.

He afterward bought forty acres in Flint River township, where he was engaged in farming, fruit-raising, and in the nursery business for twenty-one years. He devoted his attention to small fruit, to the dairy business, to the cultivation and sale of his nursery stock, supplying a local demand and also making some shipments. He continued upon that property until September, 1892, when he came to Burlington, and purchased the residence property which he now occupies at 814 South Fourteenth Street. For the past six years he has been soliciting for Leyda & Company, dealers in monuments, and to some extent he also deals in real estate.

Mr. Calkins belongs to Matthies Post, No. 5, G. A. R., which he joined on its organization, and he attended the State Encampment at Davenport. His wife is a member of the Woman's Relief Corps, and is now serving as color bearer. He belongs to the Congregational church of which Dr. Salter is pastor. He was baptized and also married by that divine. He served as deacon of the West Burlington church, and has long taken an active, helpful, and interested part in church work. His father was an old-line Whig, and Mr. Calkins has always been a Republican. He has served in some local township offices, was a member of the school board for ten years, and for one year served as secretary. He is one of the oldest settlers of the county, having witnessed the development of the county for a half century, and no one has been more loyal to the interests of the locality and of the State. His life has been characterized by honorable purposes and worthy action, and he is one of the respected and esteemed residents of Des Moines county.

EDWIN B. CONKLING.

THE Conkling family is too well known in eastern Iowa for the subject of this review to need any special introduction to the readers of this volume. Edwin B. Conkling is a son of John S. and Columbia (Orchard) Conkling, and was born on his father's farm, where he now resides, in Washington township, Des Moines county, March 4, 1868.

His father was born in Indiana, and came to Iowa in an early day, locating in Washington township, Des Moines county. Here he purchased eighty acres of good farm land, which is a part of the present farm on Sections 29 and 32, where our subject lives. There were no improvements of any kind on this place, and Mr. Conkling at once set about preparing a home for his family. He put up a good and substantial house, a large modern barn, and other buildings necessary for the shelter of stock and grain. From time to time, he has added to his farm, till it is now one of the largest in the township, consisting of one hundred and seventy acres, all of which is under cultivation, yielding him annually a good profit.

Mr. Conkling lived on this place till about five years ago, being engaged in general farming and raising of a good grade of stock, making a specialty of raising a high grade of hogs. He then removed to a smaller farm in the same township, which he also owned. After residing on this place for two years he moved to the city of Des Moines, where he is now leading a somewhat retired life, devoting part of his time, however, to the buying and selling of real estate.

Mr. Conkling is a man who is public spirited, prosperous, and progressive; an advocate for all that would tend to improve the community, and is held in high esteem by all who know him. He has always been greatly interested in educational matters, and was a member of the school board in the township where he lived so long, being president of the board for upwards of fifteen years. He is a staunch Republican, and has served as road supervisor of the township for many years.

The mother of our subject was born in Illinois, coming to Washington township, this county, when quite a little girl; here she received her education and grew to womanhood. Mr. and Mrs. Conkling are the parents of five children, three of whom are still living: John and Frank, both dead; Edwin, subject of this review; Elta is a stock-man in Mediapolis, Iowa; Mabel married Mark Seeds, a farmer of Mediapolis, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Conkling own a beautiful home in Des Moines, besides retaining the farm in Washington township. They are prominent and influential members of the Baptist church, Mrs. Conkling being active in church work, while Mr. Conkling served as superintendent of the Sunday-school in Washington township for thirty-five years.

Mr. Conkling, of this review, attended the district schools in his native township, and then assisted his father on the farm till he was eighteen years old, when he came to Burlington, Iowa, and spent one year at the Baptist Institute. Returning from college, he remained on the home place till he reached his majority, when he started West, and purchased a



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ranch in the State of Washington, which he ran for some three years. Preferring Iowa as a place of residence he came back to his father's farm, where he has since lived, carrying on practical farming and stock-raising, making a specialty of Aberdeen Angus cattle and thoroughbred Poland China hogs. Politically, he has followed in the footsteps of his much-respected father, and rarely misses an opportunity to swell the Republican votes. He, too, has been a member of the school board.

Sept. 20, 1888, Mr. Conkling married Miss Stella Walker, daughter of Jesse and Marie (Chrissinger) Walker. Her father was born in Virginia, and her mother in Pennsylvania. They came to Iowa at an early date, and settled in Des Moines county, north of Burlington, where they were prosperous farmers for many years. Later they removed to Henry county, where Mr. Walker purchased a farm. They resided in Henry county till a few years ago, when Mr. Walker retired from active life, and they are now spending the evening of their lives in a pleasant home in New London, Iowa, where they can attend the Methodist church regularly, of which church both are members. They are the parents of seven children, six of whom are living, and all but Mrs. Conkling have removed from Washington township.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Conkling have been born three children: Eva, born in Henry county, Iowa, Aug. 26, 1889; Gladys, born in Des Moines county, Iowa, Dec. 26, 1894; Carroll, born May 19, 1901, in Washington township.

Mr. Conkling's interests center along lines which tend to promote the welfare,

improvement, and progress of his township and county. He has advanced various business activities in Washington township, taking a helpful part in many progressive movements and enterprising measures. He is a man of resourceful business ability and marked energy, whose influence in commercial, as well as agricultural circles has contributed to the general prosperity of his native county. His entire life having been passed in this part of Iowa, he is widely known, and his many good qualities have gained for him favorable regard.

HENRY GIESELMAN.

HENRY GIESELMAN, a pioneer farmer of Des Moines county who has been actively engaged in farming for over half a century, is a son of Frederick William and Anna Catherine Margaretha (Nie-meier) Gieselman, whose birth occurred in Westphalia, Prussia, Germany, March 8, 1842. His father was born Feb. 10, 1815, and his mother Feb. 28, 1815, both being natives of Prussia. They had seven children, of whom the following four are still living: Henry, of this review; Andrew; Hannah; and Frederick. They came to America in 1853, and located first in St. Louis, Mo., coming to Burlington in the fall of 1854, where they bought a farm of twenty acres. Here they lived for forty years, until the father's death, which occurred Jan. 24, 1893, aged seventy-seven years. His wife preceded her husband to the better land some four months, her death occurring Sept. 22, 1892.

Our subject attended the public schools for three years and a half in his native place; and as he was only eleven years old when his parents brought him to America, he finished his education in the schools of Burlington township. After laying aside his text-books he remained on his father's farm, where he took an active part in the work till 1870, when he bought a farm of eighty acres in Section 24, of Flint River township, where he has lived ever since.

June 27, 1870, Mr. Gieselman was married to Miss Anna Maria Schulz, daughter of Christoff and Mary (Schulz) Schulz. This union was blessed with eleven children, of whom all are at home but four: Frederick; Anna, married Henry Hagerly; Minnie; Hannah, married Edward Rhinesmith; Matilda; Mary; Henry, of West Burlington; Emma; Augusta; William; Albert. With mature years these members of a sturdy German family have developed those characteristics which distinguish the citizens of Germany, and have become helpful and prosperous citizens.

Mr. and Mrs. Gieselman are devoted members of the German M. E. church, of West Burlington, where he is a trustee and an exhorter. He has always given his political allegiance to the Republican party, but has never aspired to office, though he has always supported his party to the best of his ability. He has a commodious country residence, has erected a modern barn, and made other improvements on his place, and to-day his farm is considered one of the finest and best in the beautiful valley of the township, where his family have a wide and favorable acquaintance.

Mr. Gieselman has given love and loyalty to the country of his adoption, where as a man among men he holds the confidence and esteem of those with whom he comes in contact in either a business or a social way, and where he has also set a most worthy example to his children, of whom in return he is justly proud.

WILLIAM JOHN EDGAR.

WILLIAM JOHN EDGAR, a native son of Des Moines county, well known within its borders as a practical and enterprising farmer, was born March 23, 1863, on the Korf farm, his parents being David and Martha (McElhinney) Edgar. His paternal grandparents were James and Nancy (McCaw) Edgar. David Edgar was born in County Derry, Ireland, Aug. 20, 1838, and remained a resident of the Green Isle of Erin throughout the greater part of his boyhood and youth. In 1857, however, he bade adieu to friends and native land and crossed the Atlantic to America, making his way direct to Des Moines county, where he engaged in farming, a pursuit that he has since followed. He had resided here for about six years when, in 1863, his parents came to Des Moines county, where they spent their remaining days.

David Edgar was married Dec. 29, 1859, to Miss Martha McElhinney, who died June 2, 1872. They were the parents of eight children: James L.; Samuel Elder; William John; Thomas McCaw; Robert Martin; Nancy Ann, the wife of John E. Nelson, of this county; Elizabeth Ida, the wife of George Thomson, of Canonsburg, Pa.; and Martha J., who is the wife

of Lee W. Hensleigh, of Blanchard, Iowa. After losing his first wife, Mr. Edgar was again married, his second union being with Julia Wells, and their children are as follows: George G.; Isaac M.; Charles F.; Ellen E., the wife of Alfred Kilpatrick; and Emily L., the wife of S. M. Hartsell, of Pennsylvania. David Edgar has followed farming ever since coming to Des Moines county, now almost a half century ago. He is well known as an enterprising agriculturist and reliable business man, and is worthy the esteem in which he is uniformly held.

William John Edgar began his education in the schools of Yellow Springs township, afterward attending school in Louisa county, the Academy in Morning Sun, and also the Sherman School, in Henry county. He has always carried on general agricultural pursuits, and for ten years was also engaged in laying tile, employing a large corps of men in this work. He has probably put in more rods of tile than any other man in the county, and has thus done much to render wet land fit for cultivation, transforming unimproved tracts into fields of rich fertility. He has engaged in farming throughout his entire career, and it is now his principal occupation.

In 1900 he purchased the Thomas McClements farm, comprising one hundred and fifty-one and a half acres, in Sections 20 and 21, Yellow Springs township. Here he carries on general farming, his fields annually returning him golden harvests. He also feeds about forty head of cattle and raises about fifty hogs each year, and his stock when placed upon the market returns him a good income on his investment.

In 1892, at the home of the bride, in Louisa county, Iowa, Mr. Edgar was

united in marriage to Miss Bessie Martin, who was born in that county Aug. 25, 1876. She is a daughter of Thomas and Susan (Higbee) Martin. Her father has followed farming there throughout the greater part of his life, and both he and his wife are still residents of Louisa county. He lived retired for a time, but has recently returned to his old homestead there. Mrs. Edgar pursued her education in the public schools of Louisa county. By her marriage she has become the mother of four children: Clement Martin, born July 16, 1893; Lemuel Stanley, born Sept. 10, 1897; Lois Martha, born Aug. 14, 1900; and Lela Leona, Sept. 1, 1902.

Mr. Edgar exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party, and is now serving as school director; but he has never been active in seeking office, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business affairs. He was reared in the Reformed Presbyterian church, and is a worthy representative of an honored pioneer family of this county. His entire life has been spent in this part of the State, and he is a typical son of Iowa, active and energetic in his business affairs, and so directing his labors as to bring good results.

JAMES RICHARD WATSON.

FARMING and stock-raising are carried on extensively in Des Moines county by many prominent representatives of agricultural life, the natural resources of the State offering excellent opportunities in this direction. James Richard Watson, thus engaged, has met with gratifying

success, and at the present time is known as one of the leading stockmen of Yellow Springs township.

A native of England, he was born in Yorkshire, April 8, 1866, his parents being James and Emma (Stocks) Watson, who in 1868 left their native country for the New World. They did not tarry in the East when they landed in the United States, but made their way at once to Des Moines county, Iowa, where the father purchased land. He became the owner of one hundred and thirty-three acres on Sections 1 and 12, and fifty-nine and a fraction acres on Section 6, and at his death he owned two hundred and five acres, all in Yellow Springs township. This was well improved with modern equipments, and became a very desirable property. After buying his farm, however, Mr. Watson lived for a year in Kosuth, and then spent five years in the old house on the farm now owned by W. C. Hutchcroft, on Section 12, which property he rented for twenty-one years. He removed to his own property in 1878, and there the family home has since been maintained. He was a general farmer, and fed the grain he raised to the stock. He also made a number of substantial improvements, producing a great transformation in the appearance of the farm, and also in its productiveness and value.

In the family of James and Emma Watson were born seven children: Mary Louisa, the wife of Stephen Riggs Ibbottson, of Los Angeles county, California; Sarah Eliza, the wife of George Washington Cox, formerly of Yellow Springs township, and now living in Edison, Nebr.; John William Edwin, living in Arapahoe, Furnas county, Nebr.; Peter, living in the

same place; James Richard, of this review; one who died in infancy; and Anna Lenora, who resides with Mrs. Cox in Nebraska.

James R. Watson was only two years old when brought by his parents to America, and was therefore reared in this county, his education being acquired in the district schools; while under his father he received instruction concerning all the work of the farm. He has devoted his entire life to agricultural pursuits, and is still living upon the old family homestead in Yellow Springs township, where he has made many improvements. Here he has erected fine farm buildings, including two large barns, one thirty-six by sixty feet and the other fifty-six by seventy feet. There is also a sixteen-foot addition running the entire length of the barn, and twenty-one and a half feet in height. He has under cultivation about three hundred acres of land, and annually harvests large crops. He is extensively engaged in feeding cattle and hogs; and by the assessor's books in 1904, he sold one hundred and twenty-one thousand, four hundred and sixty-two pounds of beef, bringing five thousand, nine hundred and seventy-five dollars and ninety-four cents; while forty-three thousand, one hundred and eighty-four pounds of pork brought twenty-two hundred and sixty-eight dollars and forty-eight cents. His hogs are mostly of the Jersey Duroc breed. He annually feeds on an average of five car-loads of cattle and two car-loads of hogs, and his stock-feeding interests prove a most profitable branch of his business.

In his political views Mr. Watson is an earnest Republican, and served for one term as township trustee. He was also a

member of the school board for six years, acting as its president for four years, and the cause of education found in him a helpful friend, advocating the employment of competent teachers and the raising of the standard of school work. He is a zealous and faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and has filled nearly all the offices in the Northfield church. He has also been president of the Epworth League and assistant superintendent of the Sunday-school, and his co-operation in the various church activities has been far-reaching and beneficial.

WILLIAM ROBERT CARMEAN.

WILLIAM ROBERT CARMEAN was born in Burlington, March 5, 1876, a son of Frank and Elizabeth M. (Moore) Carmean. The father was born in Ross county, Ohio, April 1, 1839, and on Feb. 12, 1863, was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Ann Moore, a daughter of Robert and Jane (Davis) Moore. He was a farmer and butcher, and in 1845 came to Des Moines county, Iowa, where he spent his remaining days, living a life of industry and thrift that gained for him the sincere regard of those with whom he came in contact. He died Oct. 5, 1899, at the age of sixty years.

In the Carmean family were four children: Foster, born May 5, 1865, died in July, 1901; Anna Jane, born Sept. 20, 1869, was married to Ephriam Welsh, and died April 5, 1892, leaving one child, Emma Edith, born July 9, 1891; Cora E., born July 10, 1873, is now the wife of T. L. Orr, of Mediapolis.

William Robert is the fourth member of the family. The mother, still surviving her husband, is now living with Mr. Watson. William R. Carmean was educated in the public schools of Northfield, and has always followed the occupation of farming, for the past nine years being in the employ of J. R. Watson, one of the extensive farmers and stock-raisers of Yellow Springs township.

MILLARD FILLMORE REID.

MILLARD F. REID, residing at his pleasant home at 863 North Street, has been an industrious and respected citizen of Burlington for about thirty years, and is now one of the leading brick contractors of the same city. He is a son of David and Emma (Wilson) Reid, and was born in the city of Philadelphia in 1853. His father was also a native of the Quaker City, being born in 1826, where he learned the trade of a brick mason. Here he was married. In 1860 he went to Princeton, Ill., where he was actively engaged at his trade, remaining for fifteen years. In 1874 he came to Iowa and located in Burlington, working as a journeyman for some years, and later carrying on contracting. The substantial residences of the late A. G. Adams on Fifth Street and of Judge Mason, deceased, on North Sixth Street, were among the prominent buildings which he erected. In 1893 Mr. Reid moved to Omaha, Nebr., where he contracted for some six years with much success, and where his death occurred in 1899. His remains were buried in Aspen Grove cemetery in Burlington. Mr. Reid was a very quiet and an unpretentious man,

a skilled mechanic, whose business principles were above reproach, and his death was mourned by many friends and relatives in the several places in which he had resided. Mrs. Reid is a native of Philadelphia, where she was born in 1834, and lived there till she was married. Her parents lived in Burlington for many years, and were much esteemed and respected by all who knew them. They were devoted members of the Methodist church, which they both attended regularly till they became too feeble.

After the death of Mr. Reid, Mrs. Reid and family moved to Chicago, where they still reside. She has been wonderfully blessed, as all of the seven children born to her and Mr. Reid are spared to cheer and comfort her in her widowhood. The children are as follows: Millard F., of this review; David, a printer, and lives in Omaha, Nebr.; Frank, an express messenger on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, and makes his home with his mother; Mary, the wife of William Burnett, traveling man of Chicago. They have one child, Anna, married Edward Vanderpool, bookkeeper of the Booth packing company, of Chicago. They are the parents of three children: Charles, an express messenger on the railroad, and lives at home with his mother. Mrs. Reid is of a bright and happy disposition, and has made many sacrifices for the general good of her family, and her greatest delight is in relieving those on whom the hand of affliction has been laid. Her quiet and dignified manner is much admired by her host of friends.

Our subject received his education in the public schools of Princeton, Ill. In that city he learned the trade of a bricklayer

with his father. He came to Burlington with his parents in 1874, and for a number of years worked for the older contractors of the city. He has been contracting for himself since 1903. Among the recent buildings which stand as examples of his skill are the following: Residence of James Moir, Young Men's Christian Association, and Carpenter's jewelry store. He is now building the Clinton Copeland wholesale candy house.

In August, 1873, Mr. Reid married Miss Emma Schramm, a daughter of Fred and Louisa (Rosenhauer) Schramm, who were natives of Germany, and came to America at an early day and located in Burlington. Mr. and Mrs. Schramm were the parents of four children: Emma, wife of our subject; Charles, who resides in Davenport, Iowa; Ida, married James Melcher, now of Walla Walla, Wash.; Anna, the wife of Wm. Barber, of Bozeman, Mont. Mr. and Mrs. Schramm are both dead. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Reid seven children have been born, who are all living and have reached maturity: Frank C., married Rosa Hoppe, and is a brick contractor and partner of his father; Harry, the husband of May Leonard, lives in Burlington, where he works for his father as a brick-mason; Gertrude, the wife of Sherman Hill, a traveling man of Chicago; Mabel, now Mrs. Charles Unterkircher, of Burlington, whose sketch may be found elsewhere in this book; Elsie, at home; Ruth, makes her home mostly with her sister in Chicago; Verna, a student in the city schools.

Mr. Reid has generally given his support to the Democratic party. He has never sought public office. Fraternally, he is a member of the Woodmen of the World, and was the president of the bricklayers'

union for two years. He is very fond of all sport, and is a fine marksman. Like his father, he is of a very social and genial disposition, possessing a warm heart. His work is of the best, and his business principles are honest and upright. Though but a young man, he has achieved much success in life, and we predict a still brighter future for him, which is the voice of his many friends.

JEROME BOCK.

To render complete this account of the business interests of Burlington, Iowa, and of Des Moines county, it is necessary to make extended mention of Jerome Bock, who ranks as one of the oldest nurserymen in the city, as well as one of the best known. Mr. Bock was born April 21, 1822, at Glatz, Prussia, a son of Joseph and Johanna (Zenka) Bock. The family had long been residents of that city, and were celebrated for their hardy physical constitution and longevity, the grandfather, Valentine Bock, having attained the age of ninety-two years, while his wife, who was killed by accident, was eighty-one years old at the time of her death. The maternal grandfather of our subject, Frederic Zenka, who was by trade a shoemaker, died at the age of eighty-four years. Joseph, father of Jerome Bock, was gardener to a nobleman at Glatz, and served in the war of the Allies against Napoleon, being with Blucher at Waterloo, and thus contributing to the final defeat of the emperor of the French. He attained to the age of seventy-nine years, and the mother of Jerome Bock was more than ninety years of age at her decease.

Mr. Bock learned the trade of gardener

under the direction of a nobleman's gardener in his native land, and at the age of twenty-two years went to England to take a position in the Royal Botanic Gardens. He was in London during the time of the great World's Fair, which was one of the first of the series of gigantic expositions of modern times, and remained at the Royal Gardens for seven years, thus gaining much valuable experience. He then, with two brothers, Joseph and William, crossed the Atlantic Ocean to become gardener to a gentleman at Montreal; but not being pleased with conditions in Canada, he went to Boston in 1851, and was there connected with the nursery business for a period of five years. In 1856 he traveled over Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, and Illinois in search of a location, but being best pleased with Iowa when he came to this State in the latter part of that year, he located in Burlington, forming a partnership here with Neally Brothers in the nursery business, and the firm continued under the style of Neally Brothers & Bock for twelve years. This was the largest nursery firm in southeastern Iowa, and established the first commercial greenhouse in Burlington.

On the termination of the partnership, Mr. Bock purchased a tract of forty acres on South Madison Street, where, at No. 2600, stands his residence, a pleasant home, surrounded by the ornamental triumphs of the gardener's art. While in Boston he wedded Miss Susan Hill, daughter of John Hill, of Boston, and to them were born in Burlington two sons and two daughters, as follows: William, now a locomotive engineer; Helen, wife of Simon Chapman; Agnes, wife of Elmer Sykes; and Walter, who died when a promising young man of eighteen years. Mrs. Bock is also now

deceased, her death having occurred in 1899. In a business way Mr. Bock has been unusually successful, and his work as a nurseryman and gardener has always been for him a labor of love. He it was who introduced the growing of evergreens for ornamental purposes in Burlington, and when he came to Boston from Canada he brought the first dicentra, or bleeding-heart, ever seen in the United States. As an example of his enterprising spirit, it may be mentioned that he sent a large nursery stock to the city of Denver overland by ox-team before the laying of a trans-continental railroad. He has taught the trade and business to his two nephews, Joseph and Ernest Bock.

In addition to his business Mr. Bock has always borne his share of the burden in matters of public interest, and in his political alliance was first a member of the Democratic party, voting while in Boston for Franklin Pierce for president of the United States; but since that time has been a Republican, having been converted to that view by careful consideration of existing problems. He has been a constant student and reader, acquiring wide general information, and as one who appreciates his higher duties, is a supporter and member of the Congregational church, as was also his deceased wife. He has acquired a complete mastery of conversational English, and is an entertaining talker, always speaking with ability and with a breadth of view which reveals the powers of his mind. To almost all the people of Burlington he is well known, and the purity of his private life and integrity of his business career have endeared him to all, and won him that respect which is one of the most precious rewards of an upright life.

WESLEY REEVES BONER.

IN the settlement of the West the pioneers had to face many trials and difficulties. They had gone far from the conveniences and privileges of civilization. Markets were remote, and communication difficult. The prairies were like the ocean, and the roads primitive in the extreme, or existed only in possibility. Distances now measured by hours then required many days, and the journey from Burlington to Chicago was a tax on a stout heart. Schools were few and far between, while those few which dotted the immense wilderness were of very inferior grade. But the hearts of the hardy frontiersmen were brave, and nothing discouraged the builders of the great States that are now mighty empires in themselves. They improved the land, bridged the rivers, built the roads, founded what are now great cities, and in due time came the railroad and the telegraph and the mail to bring the ends of the country together. The east and the west, at last, were next-door neighbors; space was eliminated; time was annihilated. To the prairies of Iowa came the art and refinement of New England; learning was no longer strange, and the schoolmaster was abroad in the land. The empire State beyond the great river had come into its own. The men who helped in this great transformation should always be reverently remembered. It was no light task, the building of an empire, that they undertook. Among them, and entitled to an honored place, was the man whose name heads this article. He is not now among the living, but in his day he played a man's part in the settlement of Des Moines county, and is remembered



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throughout its extent as a man of fine character and upright spirit.

Wesley Reeves Boner was born in Virginia county, Ohio, Sept. 12, 1815, a son of James and Sarah (Reeves) Boner, and when yet in his youth accompanied his parents to the West, traveling by way of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers, and arriving in Burlington in April, 1838. On the site of the now flourishing city but two houses stood at that time, and to the father of our subject fell the honor of making the first trail westward from Burlington, while he himself made the second. The family on its arrival was compelled to take shelter in a building originally constructed for a stable, on the property of a Mr. Hohl; but they shortly left Burlington, and went to the Long Creek neighborhood, where there was a small settlement comprising five families. The father eventually settled on the county line west of Danville, where he did his work and lived his life and passed to the life beyond. His wife is remembered as an early member of the Methodist Episcopal church in Des Moines county, and as a faithful and constant attendant at its services. They lie buried in the Long Creek cemetery.

On Feb. 6, 1845, Mr. Boner was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca Hanna, and their first home was that which is now the residence of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William B. Raikes. Hither he brought his bride, and here they lived for many years. Mrs. Boner, who was a member of the Methodist church, died in April, 1862, survived by five children, four of whom were born at the old home place, while the youngest was born at Long Creek. Brief mention may be made of

these as follows: Marshall W., who resides at Middletown, Iowa; Marcelene, wife of William B. Raikes; Clara, wife of A. P. Caldwell; Lessie E., wife of J. G. Miller, of Union township; and Austin, who is a resident of Long Creek. Mr. Boner remarried on March 4, 1869, his second wife being Mrs. Sarah Anna Raikes, of Cambridge, Ohio, who died May 3, 1882.

Our subject began life for himself as a comparatively poor man, receiving little aid from any source, and depending almost entirely on his own efforts and individual resources for success, and how well he succeeded in a pecuniary sense is shown by the fact that he accumulated more than 1,000 acres of valuable Iowa farming lands in the course of his career, although he disposed of all his landed interests before his death, and for a time he made his residence at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Raikes, his death occurring here on Nov. 1, 1897. His remains repose in the cemetery at Long Creek, where rest the mortal ashes of so many of the honored dead to whose loyal and faithful toil are due the blessings and advantages now enjoyed by their descendants. He was in his younger days a very active man, both mentally and physically, for he had a mind of unusual power, as well as a magnificent physical development; but on account of the naturally increasing weight of age, his latter years were spent in retirement. He bore a part in affairs of government as a member of the Democracy.

Mr. Boner's life was one of constant usefulness and success, and in all his dealings he strove to be strictly honest and impartial, always seeking to guard

against doing any man an injustice, preserving at all times an upright, honorable and absolutely unwavering course of integrity,—a mode of life which brought its own reward in the esteem of all who knew him as he was. In his career as farmer and business man his qualities of foresight and ready appreciation of an opportunity, added to an unfailing perseverance in all circumstances, however adverse, brought him worldly wealth, and enabled him in his latter years to enjoy in ease the fruits of a well-spent life.

WILLIAM WALKER.

WILLIAM WALKER, a prosperous farmer residing on a farm of one hundred and forty-five acres on Sections 11 and 14, Flint River township, has spent his entire life in Des Moines county, his birth having occurred Oct. 20, 1853, on the farm which is yet his place of residence. He was the only child of Thomas and Martha (Phillips) Walker, who were natives of Yorkshire, England, and came to America about 1848. They were married in England, and crossed the Atlantic on a sailing vessel, reaching the United States coast after a long and tedious voyage. After spending a winter in Canada, they came to Iowa, settling in Des Moines county, where the father purchased eighty acres of land, comprising the tract upon which the home of our subject now stands. There he made a home for himself and family, and placed almost all the improvements upon his farm. He erected a good and substantial brick dwelling, also built good barns and other out-buildings for the shelter of crops and stock,

and continued the work of improvement year after year until the farm became one of the valuable properties of this part of the county. He was a prosperous and progressive man, and his value as a citizen was widely acknowledged. He gave his political support to the Republican party. His wife died March 18, 1884, and his death occurred Nov. 1, 1893, when he was laid to rest by the side of his wife in Flint River township.

In his youth William Walker attended the common school of the neighborhood, and through the summer months assisted his father in the work of the fields. He has always remained upon the old homestead, and he cleared a large part of the land, and also made some of the improvements. He has added sixty-five acres to the original farm, and now has about one hundred and fifteen acres under cultivation, the well-tilled fields yielding to him golden harvests. He is also engaged in the raising of cattle and hogs for the market, and both branches of his business are proving profitable. He has a good threshing outfit, and for the past twenty-five years has engaged in threshing during the season. He has also extended his efforts to other business enterprises, having been chosen president of the Flint River Telephone Company on its organization, since which time he has acted in that capacity.

Dec. 13, 1879, Mr. Walker was united in marriage to Miss Violet Watt, a daughter of James and Margaret (McLaughlin) Watt, both of whom were natives of Ireland, and came to the United States in the early '50's, settling in Flint River township, where the father carried on farming. Both he and his wife died here at an advanced age. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Walker have been

born seven children, of whom six are living: Ethel, the wife of John Hasenkamp, assistant superintendent of the county poor farm; Euranus, at home; Frank, who died at the age of nineteen years, and was buried in Flint River township; James and Ollie, both at home; and Alvin and Alpha, twins. All of the children were born on the home place, and were educated in the public schools.

Mr. Walker exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party, and at the present time is holding the office of township trustee, in which capacity he has served for the past twelve years, a fact which indicates his efficiency in office and the confidence and trust reposed in him by the public. He has also been a member of the school board for many years, and is a warm friend of the cause of education, believing in the employment of competent teachers, that the children may have training that will well fit them for the practical and responsible duties which come when school days are over. He is equally progressive and enterprising in business, while he and his wife have the high regard of their social acquaintances, and enjoy the friendship of many with whom they have been brought in contact during the long years of their residence in this county.

WESLEY HOWARD.

INCONTESTABLY established by the logic of history is the proposition that Iowa owes much of her greatness to the efforts of men of Southern birth and lineage, and the name of Mr. Howard is entitled to a high place upon the illustrious roll of her makers and

builders. A native of Tennessee, he was born in White county, Dec. 25, 1825, a son of Ignacius and Mary (Duncan) Howard.

Ignacius Howard, a native of eastern Tennessee, was a farmer, following that occupation in Tennessee, and later in Illinois, whither he removed when his son Wesley was nine years of age, locating six miles north of La Harpe. He remained there only about eighteen months, however, at the expiration of which period he again removed, coming to Des Moines county, Iowa. In the spring of 1837 he located in Benton township, where he purchased a half section of valuable agricultural land. This land was then in its natural and wild state, entirely uncultivated, and he at once proceeded to clear away the primeval forest, place the soil under the dominion of the plow, erect buildings, and establish a home for himself and family. Here he resided for a long term of years, but finally removed to Henderson county, Illinois, where he shortly afterward died at the age of seventy-four years. His wife, also a native of Tennessee, long survived him, and died in California, at the advanced age of ninety-one years.

Wesley Howard obtained his early education in his native State, and later accompanied his parents in their removal to Illinois and to Des Moines county. During his youth and young manhood he shared the arduous toil of the pioneer home in Benton township, thus receiving the best possible training for the success which he achieved in after life. In his twenty-sixth year he decided to embark upon an independent enterprise, and purchased a farm of his own, comprising one hundred and sixty acres of land which was partially improved, but still offered a magnificent field for the exercise

of that enterprising spirit which has always distinguished him. He resided upon that farm for a number of years, but in 1865 removed to Danville township, where he engaged extensively in general farming and stock-raising for the remainder of his active career. He still owns a fine and very productive farm of eighty acres three miles east of the village of Danville, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation and maintains at the topmost degree of practical efficiency, having introduced into its operation many modern improvements and methods, which stand as a monument to his enlightened policy. He now resides in the village of Danville, where he has a pleasant home which is the center of generous hospitality and true friendship.

Dec. 4, 1851, Mr. Howard was united in marriage to Miss Charity A. Perry, who was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, accompanying her parents to Iowa in 1845. She is the daughter of Thomas J. R. and Peggy (Gaston) Perry. Her father, who was born in the State of Delaware, and after coming to Iowa owned a large farm near Burlington, was a man of great natural talents, and attained to a position of eminence in public affairs. For many years he served the community in which he lived as justice of the peace, and was for two terms a member of the Iowa State Legislature, taking part in many of the most important public movements of his time, and acquiring a vast influence throughout the State. His death occurred in Union township in the eightieth year of his age. His wife, who was a native of Pennsylvania, and was of Presbyterian faith, died at the old family home near Burlington when seventy years of age.

To Mr. and Mrs. Howard have been born

five children, as follows: Amanda, who died at the age of twenty-one years; Perry L., now residing on a farm near Hepler, Kans., married Miss Laura Van Dyke, and has three daughters, Myrtle, Elsa, and Helen; Thomas, who died at the age of four years; James, now residing on his father's farm in Danville township, where he has been the recipient of public honors, having held the office of township assessor for the past nine years, married Miss Hattie Jackson, and has three children, Murle, Grace, and Wallace; and William, who at sixteen years of age was drowned in Skunk River while bathing.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard have long been members of the Baptist church, in which they are influential workers, and to whose support they have always contributed generously of their means. Mr. Howard is a life-long student of public questions in their political aspects, and has consistently acted with the Republican party, although never asking any preferment for himself, nor any public recognition whatsoever. His course has been one of uniform loyalty, uprightness, and integrity, and as a sufficient reward he now enjoys the esteem of all.

JOHN CLARK BAILEY.

JOHN CLARK BAILEY, a son of John and Martha (Fausett) Bailey, was born Feb. 18, 1861, in Henderson, Ill. His father was a native of Virginia, but was reared in Kentucky, and in 1860 became a resident of Illinois, locating at that time in Henderson. During the infancy of his son John, he removed with his family to Mercer county, Illinois, and in 1886 he came to Iowa, settling upon a farm on

Section 25, Huron township, Des Moines county. Through the succeeding ten years he devoted his energies to the cultivation and improvement of his land here, dying the 9th of May, 1896, when he was seventy-two years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey were the parents of seven children: Mary, who has departed this life; Emma, who died at the age of fifteen years; William H., who is living in Huron township; George T., who resides in Monmouth, Ill.; John C.; Sarah, the wife of William Garmer, a resident of Columbus Junction, Iowa; and Lola, the wife of Jefferson Day, who is living in Mercer county, Illinois. After the death of her husband Mrs. Bailey was again married, becoming the wife of Abraham Taylor, and they now live on the old homestead farm.

John Clark Bailey was reared by his parents in Mercer county, Illinois, and is indebted to the public-school system of that State for the educational advantages he received. He worked at farm labor on the old homestead during his boyhood days, and has always engaged in agricultural pursuits until the present year, when he has been doing carpenter work.

In the fall of 1885 he came to Huron township, and settled on the farm which his father purchased, superintending its cultivation and improvement for nine years. In February, 1894, he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land, situated on Sections 13 and 14, Huron township, belonging to David Grimes's estate, and at once located on that property, devoting it to general farming purposes. He has over one hundred head of Poland China hogs, and in one year his sale of hogs has brought him thirteen hundred

and fifty dollars. In 1903 Mr. Bailey erected a large and substantial barn forty by forty-eight feet. The farm buildings are models of convenience, and are kept in good repair. Everything about the place is attractive because of its neatness and thrift, and Mr. Bailey is well known as an enterprising agriculturist, his methods being practical and progressive.

On Sept. 10, 1887, Mr. Bailey was united in marriage to Miss Chattie Thompson, who was born in South Burlington township, May 9, 1867, and is a daughter of Theodore and Frances (Patterson) Thompson. Three children have been born unto them: John Wesley, born July 27, 1890; Ebbie, March 14, 1893; and Elizabeth, April 12, 1900.

Politically, Mr. Bailey is a Democrat, believing firmly in the principles of the party, and doing all in his power to promote its growth and insure its success. He was elected trustee of his township in 1897, but would not serve. For two years, however, he has served as school director. He prefers to do his public duty as a private citizen in order that he may be left free to give most of his time and attention to his business affairs. He is now a prosperous farmer, wide-awake and enterprising, so managing his business interests that each year he adds to his income.

CHARLES FREDERICK WILLIAM BUHRMASTER.

CHARLES F. W. BUHRMASTER belongs to one of the largest German families in Burlington. He is the son of Henry and Louisa

(Prang) Buhrmaster (the latter in German spelled Kestergarten). His birth took place in Germany, in the suburbs of Minden, Feb. 9, 1844. His father brought his large family to America the following May after the birth of our subject, coming in one of the old-time sailing vessels by way of New Orleans, and reaching the city of Burlington, Iowa, in the fall of the same year. Although they were about sixty-three days on the ocean, and had some storms, still they enjoyed the trip, and were ready to take the boat up the river to their place of destination. He farmed for a number of years in Flint River township, and, in 1863 moved from the farm to become a citizen of Burlington. He held his farm of ninety-three acres for a few years after coming to the city, and finally sold it to advantage to a man by name of McClaren, and it is now owned by a Mr. Peterman. He engaged in the real estate business, and also did teaming, and as the years passed by he accumulated considerable city property on North Seventh Street, and built several good brick buildings. The death of his wife, who had shared in all the trials and sacrifices of a poor man with a large family, occurred in 1870, on the 25th of December, at the age of sixty-two years. Although Mr. Buhrmaster had reached a period in life when it was no longer necessary for him to work as much or as hard as in his younger days, still he was always up and stirring, and would tell his friends he preferred to work out rather than to rust out. He joined his wife in the better land when he was sixty-nine years old, his death occurring May 23, 1873.

Our subject was denied the privileges accorded to most boys, as he was only able to attend the common schools near Latty, Iowa, for a little over six months, when he

was put to work on his father's farm, and was content to finish his education in the broad school of experience, business, and general reading. After assisting his father to clear his land of much of the timber thereon, and doing a man's work for eighteen years, he came to the city of Burlington, and at once began to learn the trade of blacksmith and wagon-maker with the late John Burg, with whom he remained for seven years. During this time he had become accomplished in all the various departments of the large wagon shop, and was ready to accept a position in any place of a similar character. He was employed in the Bennet & Frantz factory for one year, and then went to Leavenworth, Kans., and started in the plow business with his cousin, but did not continue long in this undertaking. In 1868 he bought out John Greiner in the wagon-making business located on Jefferson Street, in Burlington, Iowa. In the course of time the grade of this street was changed, and as it injured his place of business, he decided to move, and accordingly purchased the property on the southeast corner of Sixth and Washington Streets, and erected thereon all the buildings necessary for his factory. At this time the firm read, Gerlinger, Buhrmaster & Co. They continued for seven years, when the former bought out the company, and in 1884 Mr. Buhrmaster became sole owner and proprietor of this flourishing manufacturing establishment, and has since conducted the business alone, employing a full force of men. In January, 1905, he took Jacob Jabeline as a partner in the implement business which he has in connection with the wagon shop, but the blacksmith and wagon departments stay just as they always did. He manufactures both heavy and light

wagons and sleds, and always has plenty of work waiting his attention in the repair shop, and keeps several men busy shoeing horses.

April 26, 1865, Mr. Buhrmaster married Miss Catherine Hoffmeyer, daughter of Henry and Catherine (Hoffmeister) Hoffmeyer. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Buhrmaster ten children were born, eight of whom were born at his present home on the corner of Seventh and Spring Streets, and two were born on Eighth Street, between High and Franklin Streets. The children are as follows: An infant, deceased; Clara Louisa, married James Candey, and lives in Haverlock, Nebr.; Henry Bartholomew, one of the officers of the Smith Hardware Company, of Burlington; Charles, died at the age of nine months; Sarah, the wife of John G. Reichle, who is captain of Company H; Charles, commercial traveler for the Smith Hardware Company; Edward, a graduate of a medical school in St. Louis; Adena, Emma, and Chester, all at home.

Politically, Mr. Buhrmaster is a stalwart Republican, but has never had time or the inclination to be an aspirant for office. He and his good wife and family are members of the German Methodist church, and are ever willing and ready to assist in any way whatever that will promote the prosperity of the church and the advancement of the gospel. Mr. Buhrmaster has been a member of the board of this church for about twenty-five years.

Ever since his coming to Burlington, in 1861, he has constantly exhibited the greatest of activity, and his dealings with all men have always been above reproach. His word has ever been considered as good as his bond, and while he has ever lived in a plain and unostentatious manner, still he has

made friends among all classes of men, and he is justly entitled to the respect and esteem of the whole community in which he has lived so long.

ADDIS EMMET PARKER, M. D.

THE field of medical practice has ever enlisted among its representatives men of the strongest mental capacity and of broad humanitarian principles, who, recognizing the great responsibility which devolves upon the practitioner, put forth their strongest and best efforts, making their labors therefore a blessing to mankind as well as a source of individual profit. Dr. Addis E. Parker, now deceased, was in his active life acknowledged as one of the most capable physicians of Des Moines county, his scholarly attainments, professional skill, and broad humanitarianism making him stand as a man among men, one of the representative citizens of the county.

Dr. Parker was a native of New York, being born in Chenango county, New York, on July 11, 1831. After completing his education in the public schools, he resolved to make the practice of medicine his life work, and accordingly entered upon a thorough course of preparation. He acquired his professional training in the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, from which institution he was graduated with honor. During most of his professional career, he was a practitioner of Kossuth, to which town he had come about 1840, as a nine-year old child, with his parents. During the years of practice that followed, he became well-known and a prominent figure in medical circles

throughout this part of the State. During his long years of practice, he saw many changes made in the practical work of his profession, old methods being superseded by new and improved ones; and being a man fond of study, and devoted to research, he always kept pace with the progress of the profession.

Dr. Parker was twice married, his first wife being Miss Anna Green. By this marriage he had one son, Grant B., who was born July 21, 1864, and who makes his home in Chicago, being a mail carrier in that city. Dr. Parker's second marriage occurred May 23, 1878, when he was married to Miss Ursula M. Hukill, daughter of Charles Wesley and Leah M. (Vannice) Hukill, of whose lives a complete sketch is given elsewhere in this volume. To this union were born two children: Ella M., born Aug. 23, 1881; and Charles Emmet, born April 30, 1883.

Regarding his profession as a life work eminently worthy of his best efforts, Dr. Parker gave his time and attention almost exclusively to the practice of medicine and to the acquirement of further knowledge concerning the science until the time of his death, when he was still in what should have been the prime of life. He departed mortal life Dec. 7, 1890, leaving a memory fragrant with helpful service and good deeds. His was a strong and significant character, combining a good measure of business ability with humanitarian principles, and contributing in an important measure to the upbuilding of the county in which he passed the greater part of his life.

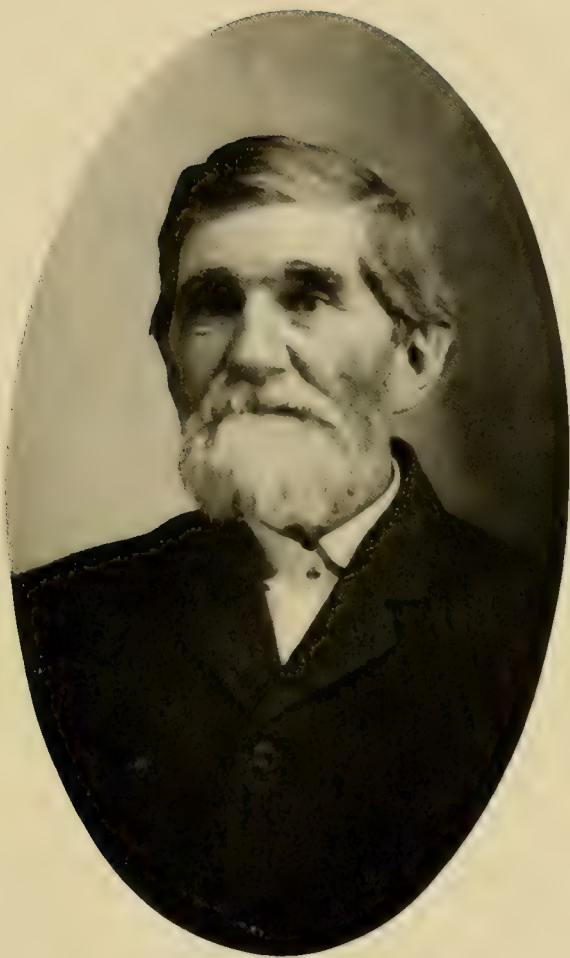
He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, of Kossuth. Politically, he was a strong Republican, but

never aspired to office. He was a member of the State Medical Society, and of the Des Moines County Society as well. He was an Odd Fellow, belonging to the Mediapolis Lodge.

CHARLES M. GARMAN.

CHARLES M. GARMAN, numbered among the honored dead of Des Moines county, was for many years a most respected and influential citizen of Union township. He was a farmer, and as George Washington said, "Agriculture is the most useful as well as the most honorable occupation of man." He was active in public life as the champion of all progressive measures for the benefit of his community, and his labors were of far-reaching effect in promoting the welfare and upbuilding of the county. Whatever was right and honorable, whatever tended toward improvement and progress along material, intellectual, or political lines, received his endorsement; so that, honored and respected in this life, his loss was deeply deplored when his labors were ended.

Mr. Garman was born in Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, Aug. 21, 1831. His ancestors, of German lineage, settled in that State at an early day. His parents, Henry and Catherine (Killinger) Garman, were also natives of Pennsylvania, and in 1846 they came to Iowa, the father purchasing one hundred and ten acres of land on Section 1, Union township, Des Moines county; but he was permitted to enjoy his new home for only a brief period. Overtaking his strength one day in the harvest field, he was taken



CHARLES M. GARMAN.

ill, and died soon afterward. His wife died in 1856. They were both members of the Lutheran church, but prior to her death Mrs. Garman joined the Baptist church. In Pennsylvania, where they lived, and in Iowa they were held in sincere and deep regard by many friends. Their family numbered ten children.

Charles M. Garman was fifteen years of age when he came with his parents to Iowa. He was reared upon a farm, and throughout his entire life engaged in tilling the soil. In 1855 he started out in life for himself by renting one hundred and fifty-three acres of land, on which he began general farming and stock-raising. His business in the latter direction became quite extensive, and his sales were large. He prospered from the beginning, and was soon enabled to purchase one hundred and ten acres of land, thirty acres of which was timber, the remainder tillable. He raised good crops, using the latest improved machinery to facilitate his farm work. In addition to the raising of cattle he handled a fine grade of Hambletonian horses, being the first to introduce that stock into Des Moines county. He was always a lover of good horses, owning some fine ones, as Twinkle, 2.27 $\frac{1}{4}$; Whiskers, 2.18 $\frac{1}{4}$; and Shellmont, 2.24 $\frac{1}{4}$.

Mr. Garman was married in Burlington, Dec. 21, 1870, to Miss Mary J. David, a native of that city, born Jan. 9, 1842, a daughter of Barton T. and Mary A. F. (Rosser) David, natives of Mason county, Kentucky. Her father was born in that county, Nov. 11, 1818, and was a son of Michel and Cecelia (Thorp) David, who came from Heidelberg, Germany, to the United States, and settled in Mason county, Kentucky, where both he and his

wife died. He served as a private soldier in the Revolutionary War. Barton T. David was first married to Miss Mary A. F. Rosser, who was born in Mason county, Kentucky, Nov. 14, 1819, and died in Burlington, Iowa, July 28, 1855, her remains being interred in Aspen Grove cemetery. She was the mother of seven children: Virginia, the wife of Dr. J. G. Stricklett, a resident of Springfield, Ill.; Mary J., now Mrs. Garman; Melissa R., who is the widow of David A. Smith, and resides in California; James M., who died Sept. 16, 1897; Charles P., who died in childhood; Susan S., the wife of Enos Thomas, of Boulder, Mont.; and Frances A., the wife of C. W. Waite, of Burlington, Iowa. Mrs. David was a member of the Baptist church, and was a most estimable lady, devoted to her family, her friends, and her church. For his second wife, Barton T. David married Miss Catherine Eleanor Boniwell, who was born in Maysville, Ky., Dec., 13, 1821, and they had one daughter, Elizabeth C., now the wife of E. R. Gray, of Seward, Alaska.

Barton T. David came to Burlington, Iowa, in 1835. He conducted a general store in Water Street, which he followed until a few years prior to his death, which occurred March 8, 1896, while his second wife passed away Jan. 29, 1871. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he gave his political support first to the Whig party and afterward to the Republican party.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Garman was born but one child, Mary Kathryn, who was born Sept. 4, 1876, and is at home with her mother. They are both members of the Baptist church, and have many friends in the community.

Mr. Garman died very suddenly, on March 23, 1903, and was buried in Aspen Grove cemetery, at Burlington, Iowa. In politics he was active and prominent—a stalwart supporter of the Republican party. From 1860 until 1865, inclusive, he served as supervisor for his township, this covering the period of the Civil War. His activity in behalf of his community and county did not end here, however, for through seven years he was the secretary of the Agricultural Society, and one of its directors. In 1875, upon the organization of the Des Moines County Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company, and also the Fair Association, he became secretary of each, and acted in that capacity until his death. At one time he received the nomination from his party for representative, but declined to become a candidate. His fellow-townsmen had great confidence in him, because of his ability, his devotion to the general good, and the prompt and reliable manner in which he performed every task or duty entrusted to him. He awakened warm friendship and deep regard, and his loss was deeply regretted by many friends, but most of all in his own home, where he was a loving and devoted husband and father, doing all in his power to promote the happiness and welfare of his family, who were dear to him.

JACOB SCHROCK BAUGHMAN, D. O.

MAN'S worth in the world is determined by his usefulness, by what he has accomplished for his fellow-men, and he is cer-

tainly deserving of the greatest honor and regard whose efforts have been of the greatest benefit to his fellow-man. Judged by this standard Dr. Jacob Schrock Baughman, one of the leading osteopathic physicians in Iowa, may well be accorded the distinction of being one of the eminent citizens of Burlington. Not alone as a practitioner of osteopathy has he become widely known, but also as an inventor and scientist, disseminating knowledge along various lines that has had an immeasurable effect in the world. His deep research and investigation have rendered more effective the labors of his profession, and have also touched upon many lines of scientific study relating to man's mission in the world and the best use to which he may put his powers.

The grandparent of Dr. Baughman came from Pennsylvania to Ohio in the early times. This old gentleman, D. N. Baughman, married Miss Anna Gerber, and was the first man in America to originate the idea of pegging shoes; but as his parents died when he was but fifteen years of age, he was bound out to a master who in time became very wealthy from the idea of his foster child's invention. Mr. Baughman died in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in 1848, and Mrs. Baughman passed away in Davis county, Iowa, in 1876.

Dr. Baughman is a son of Christian and Catherine (Plank) Baughman, who were natives of Ohio, the father being born in Wayne county Oct. 30, 1825, where he was educated and became a prosperous farmer and extensive stock-raiser, handling draft horses known as Percheron horses. He was a large, well-built man, possessing all the characteristics that produce an honored citizen and an ideal man in his family. He was drafted into the Civil War, but did not go,

and paid one hundred acres of land to a substitute. He died in Davis county, Iowa, Oct. 15, 1893, in his sixty-eighth year.

Catherine (Plank) Baughman, mother of our subject, was born in Wayne county, Ohio, in 1826, and was a daughter of John Plank, who was a great genius. He was a cabinet-maker by trade, and made the first clock known as "grandfather's" clock when a very young man. There is one of these old-fashioned clocks in the home of his son, J. J. Plank, who resides in Pulaski, Iowa, and is prized very highly. Mrs. Baughman passed away in Davis county in 1876, and is buried there in the Pulaski cemetery beside her husband.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Baughman were born the following children: Elizabeth A., of Pulaski; John, died when two years of age; David Kertz, of Aspen, Colo.; Anna, died when four years old; Jacob Schrock, of this review; Jonathan J., a young man of exemplary habits in the closest application of the word. His life was full of Christian deeds, and he took great interest in the church and Sunday-school, where he had a class of fifteen young men. He died when twenty-seven years old, and the regard and high esteem in which he was held was verified in the large attendance of friends at his funeral, many attending from Bloomfield, and Milton, Iowa, and from Alexandria and Memphis, Mo.; Mary Celestia, died at the age of twenty-seven years; Lavina May, lives in Pulaski, as does also her brother William C., who is a farmer and stock-man. The last named has been repeatedly elected as the superintendent of the Mennonite Sunday-school, having served six years, and has been school director for a number of years, and served as county assessor to the satisfaction of all.

Jacob Schrock Baughman, of this review, was born in Pulaski, Davis county, July 6, 1858, where he was reared on his father's farm. Owing to the great distance to school, and the scarcity of help in planting season, his early education was much neglected, but in the fall after he became of age, he had prepared himself sufficiently well to teach his first term of school. Thereafter he taught and went to school until after he was twenty-seven years of age. He also attended the Lombard College at Galesburg, Ill., and was a student of the State Normal, of Kirksville, Mo., a graduate and a post-graduate of the Kirksville School of Osteopathy, being a member of the class of 1900. He came to Burlington in 1887, having lived in Topeka, Kans., two years previously, and has resided here ever since with the exception of the year 1904, which he spent in Washington, D. C., practicing osteopathy. He is now located on Sixth and Division Streets, where his pleasant office at 523 Division Street is also presided over by his bright and accomplished wife, who is also associated with him in his chosen profession.

In 1887 Dr. Baughman was married to Miss Melvina Vaneton, and it was about this time that he made known some of his inventions. In this line his work was for the improvement of "dress-cutting charts," in which at the time of his marriage his wife had part interest. This they completed together, and copyrighted it under the name of the "Glove Fitting Garment Cutter;" made application for a patent on an invention in "Adjustable Pattern Plates" for cutting ladies' dresses, and the patent was granted in February, 1890, since which time it has been widely exploited in the United States and Canada, some of the goods being shipped to England and other countries. In

June, 1890, another patent was granted in the same line and added to the above. On June 11, 1895, he was granted a patent on a new invention on Down Spouts Filter for Cisterns, both in the United States and Canada. This invention has upon its own merits been called for quite extensively. Upon exhibition at the Illinois State Fair, it won the silver medal, the highest award for improvements in water filters. Its simplicity enables any one to use it and always keep it in good working condition. On Jan. 4, 1900, he made application for a patent on a Head Bandage, and in May of that year this patent was issued to him. This invention, like many others, had its origin in necessity. Dr. Baughman, at this time being a student in the new healing art, osteopathy, had just gone through a very severe spell of sickness, which left him very weak, and consequently, through lack of vitality, he was unable to keep his mouth closed during sleep, thus causing a dryness of throat and wakeful nights. It was necessary therefore to prevent this trouble, and as a result the above invention was perfected and patented. In June, 1901, a patent on Improved Plates for Cutting Ladies' Dress Skirts was obtained. This appealed so favorably to the modistes of our Eastern cities, that he also applied for and obtained letters-patent on the same in England and Canada. This, taken with the Adjustable Tailor System, patented by him, makes his system the only automatic calculating machine ever invented for cutting ladies' dresses. It absolutely divides the entire garment according to measure taken and style desired. No figuring of any kind is necessary. On February, 1902, his claims on one of the most novel articles yet placed before the public, were allowed, and the patent issued to him

June 24, 1902. This invention pertains to a new and useful Menu Card Holder, provided with push buttons so arranged on either side of the holder that the guest is enabled at his leisure to push any button opposite the article of food which may be wanted in his order. Without any words being passed between the guest and waiter, the order is then filled. The waiter being enabled at a glance to tell what is desired, he presses another button arranged at top of the card-holder and thus releases the card in full. This instrument will revolutionize the hotel waiting business, and enable guests to be served without the annoyance of calling off the order, or having to put up with the usual mistakes made by waiters for want of memory. His later patents were taken out through the offices of E. G. Siggers, Washington, D. C.

In January, 1900, Dr. Baughman associated with him in his practice, Dr. Nanny Randolph Ball, who entered the School of Osteopathy, of Kirksville, Mo., under the direction of Dr. A. T. Still, in 1899. She is also a graduate of the American College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, Chicago, Ill., and a post-graduate of the school in Kirksville mentioned above. While in the college in Chicago she had the privilege of attending the clinics in Cook county hospital under all of the medical schools of the city. While thus engaged these parties designed and completed a chart illustrating physiological chemistry, this being the first time in the history of medicine that this complex subject has ever been so simplified as to present it in all of its functions to be viewed in its wonderful workings by the eye of man. This proved so popular that there has been issued to them, through the efficient work of Mr. Siggers, a copyright

in the United States and Great Britain. This chart is hailed by all students of physiology and physiological chemistry as the simplest and yet the most complete arrangement of the subject ever published. *The Journal of the Science of Osteopathy*, Chicago, says: "In this chart, true to the order as well as progress of functions and organs, the authors trace the proteid, fat, and carbohydrate of food from the mouth through the meshes of mastication, digestion, etc., diagrammatically illustrating all the changes that take place. We have an excellent bird's-eye view of the great chemical laboratory of the human body at work, apartment after apartment in the great compounding and modifying work of the body revealing their secrets. Organ after organ, tissue after tissue, until none are silent, speak of the activity in the chemical actions and reactions upon which the body life is based."

On Sept. 18, 1901, the authors of the chart were united as partners for life in the holy bonds of matrimony, at the home of the bride's father in Washington, D. C. She is a daughter of Captain George Washington and Mary (Randolph) Ball, and was born in Fluvanna county, Virginia, Jan. 18, 1865. The parents were both natives of Virginia, the father being born in Loudon county, 1828, and the mother in Fauquier county in 1826. Mrs. Ball is now the nearest living relative of George Washington, the first president of the United States, and her beloved mother was a first cousin of Bishop Randolph, of Virginia. Mr. Ball was a very successful genealogist in Washington, D. C., making out family pedigrees and tracing their records, and was ably assisted for awhile by his daughter, who is now the wife of Dr. Baughman. He has lived a retired life in the same city for the

past fifteen years. Mrs. Ball passed away in 1889, in Alexandria, Va. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ball were born eight children: Charles Fayette, resides in Virginia, and is a traveler for Armour, of Chicago; Mary Randolph Ball, lives in Washington with her aged father; Burgess, died at the age of twenty-six years in 1880; R. T. Mason, now pay inspector in the United States standing navy stationed at San Francisco, Cal., where he has been in the navy since 1881; Landon M., married W. F. Hill, of North Carolina, where he is an engineer in the Fish Commission for the government; Robert Randolph was a surgeon in the standing army, and died in 1897, aged 37, leaving two children—Thomas Fauntleroy and Robert Randolph; Elizabeth Carter, now Mrs. Giles Cook Lane, a physician of Virginia; Nanny Randolph, now Dr. Nanny Ball Baughman, of Burlington, Iowa. Dr. Baughman and his wife have been blessed with two children: William Washington Ball, born in Burlington, Iowa, July 19, 1902, and Mary Ball, born Oct. 7, 1904, in Washington, D. C.

The doctor has been a constant and devoted Christian since early boyhood, and is a faithful member of the Methodist church, while his wife, Dr. Nanny Baughman, is one of the devoted members of the Episcopal church. He is a Republican, but does not aspire to any office within the gift of the people. Dr. Baughman is also a Mason, belonging to Malta Lodge, Iowa Chapter, No. 1, and St. Omer Commandery, of Burlington, and also a member of the Kaaba Temple of the Mystic Shrine, of Davenport, Iowa. In 1903 he was elected as president of the Iowa Osteopathy Association, and is now president of the eastern Iowa Osteopathy Association. Dr. Jacob S. and Dr. Nanny R. B. Baughman are

both young in life, yet by their great ability and upright lives have established reputations equaled by few; and though they now have a fine practice,—their patients coming from all parts of the State,—still we predict for them much greater success in the future.

CHARLES WESLEY HUKILL.

CELEBRATED for his kindly nature, his good deeds, and his loyal devotion to his family, his friends, and his country, was the subject of this sketch, who has now gone to his reward in the life beyond. In the reality of that future life he ever professed a firm faith, and for it he prepared throughout the days of his earthly existence. He was born in Switzerland county, Indiana, July 14, 1819, the son of James Foster and Rebecca (Stewart) Hukill. The father came of an old Welsh family, being born in Wales about 1795.

James Foster Hukill came with his parents from Wales to America in childhood, coming first to Kentucky, then later, as better opportunities were presented to him, to Indiana. He was a well-educated man, and followed the profession of school-teaching. In addition to his interest in educational matters, he took great satisfaction in doing all that lay in his power to advance the cause of justice and right in the community, acting with efficiency as justice of the peace for many years. While living in Indiana, he was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca Stewart. To them was born a large family of children, two of whom died young. They are: Allen Wiley, Edwin R., James Foster, Elizabeth, Sarah (deceased),

Caroline, and Indiana. Charles Wesley, now deceased, was the fourth in order of birth.

Charles Wesley Hukill, the subject of this review, received his education in the subscription schools of Indiana, an education much limited by the lack of school facilities in those early days. In 1842 the entire family came to Iowa, and the father took up one hundred and sixty acres of rich farming land from the government. A year or two later he sold eighty acres of this land to his son Charles. The family lived together, and worked together in bringing the land under cultivation and in making the improvements, until the death of the father, which occurred in 1855, when he was about sixty years of age.

On Oct. 18, 1852, Mr. Hukill was united in marriage to Miss Leah M. Vannice, daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth (Dimmerree) Vannice. Her father, Abraham Vannice, was born in 1815, and died in 1866, while the mother was born in 1825, and lived until 1880. Mrs. Vannice was one of a family of nine children who were born, as follows: Isaac, born in 1829, died in 1901; James, born in 1831; Nancy Ann, born in 1827; Leah M., wife of our subject, born 1833; Lucy, born 1835; Emily, born 1837; Wesley M., born 1839; Abraham, born 1841; Jessie H., who died in infancy.

At the death of his father, Mr. Hukill bought eighty acres of his father's estate, and added to this from time to time until at his death he was the owner of a farm consisting of two hundred and forty acres, and the family are still the owners of the same. In 1855 he built his home, which was a log cabin; but by skilful management he so prospered in his farming that later he built a small frame house. He improved the wild

land, equipped his farm with the most approved apparatus, introduced new ideas into its operation, and by the exercise of sound and practical business judgment, succeeded in securing a most gratifying return for his time and thought. In 1880 he built their present large, modern, substantial dwelling-house, in the midst of beautiful grounds, and here his family enjoys the fruits of their united care and toil.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hukill were born six children, three sons and three daughters, of whom all except the oldest daughter are still living. The children are as follows: Rebecca, born Aug. 30, 1853, died Aug. 23, 1895; John Wesley, born Feb. 26, 1855, lives in Oklahoma; Ursula M., born Feb. 18, 1857, is the widow of Dr. Addis E. Parker, of whose life a complete sketch is given elsewhere in this history; William W., born March 7, 1859, now a resident of Colorado, where he is interested in mining; Hannibal Lincoln, born Feb. 12, 1861, now a farmer located in Colorado; and Rose Ella, born Oct. 30, 1871, who resides at home, is a trained nurse, and is at the present time located in Mediapolis.

Ever ready to do the right, as it was given him to see the right, Mr. Hukill, as is also his devoted wife, was an active worker in the Methodist Episcopal church; and his efficiency in that work was of such a high degree that he was called upon to hold the office of steward for some time. His last years found him faithful, even as his whole life had been one beautiful illustration of Christian faith. He passed to the better world Jan. 8, 1897. He was reliable in business, progressive in ideas, and at all times ready to aid in the promotion of the welfare of the community. His co-operation could always be counted upon in support of any

measure for the general good, and his pleasant, genial manner made him well liked by all, and caused his death to be deeply deplored. His widow still occupies the old home, having lived at this place since 1855. She takes great interest in church work, and other matters of importance to the neighborhood, and is a lady of many excellent traits of character.

GUST. SACRISON.

GUST. SACRISON is the name of a venerable resident of Des Moines county, Iowa, whose home is on Sections 14 and 15 of Huron township, where he is now passing the closing years of a long and useful life. Far down the hill the shadows fall and stretch away behind, yet his heart still sings of youth, and the crown of years rests but lightly on him. Though his life is a link to bind us to the remote past, he is still hale and hearty, and bears himself with that vigor and buoyancy that mark a peculiar vitality. His natural force is still unabated, and his mind clear and vigorous; so that conversation with him is a privilege and an instruction. Such men are rare in any community, and especially so in a region where a single life may unite the wilderness and the peopled State, so that they are always reverently regarded by the thoughtful.

Mr. Sacrison was born in Yonkopings Lan, Sweden, Feb. 19, 1828, the son of John and Anna (Lebaline) Sacrison. His parents lived on a farm, and he was brought up to follow that vocation, which he has made his life work ever since. At that time there were no schools in his

part of the country, and all the education he received was what his mother had time to teach him. But although his opportunity to obtain book-learning was very limited, he acquired much practical knowledge of other kinds, including a knowledge of men, gained by experience and careful observation through the passing years of his long life; and these forms of wisdom have proved very potent in spelling the magic word "success" for him.

Mr. Sacrison reached America on July 16, 1866, coming by way of New York directly to Burlington, Iowa. His first employment was with a Mr. Neile, who was running a nursery there at that time, and he remained in that place for six weeks. He then came to Huron township and went to work on a farm, working for Benjamin Luckenbill, with whom he stayed for two years.

By the end of this time he felt sufficiently familiar with the language, the people, and their manners and customs of living, to feel warranted in starting to work for himself. Accordingly he rented sixty acres of land, and farmed it for the ensuing two years. His business-like management, economy, and frugal way of living made this a very successful venture, so that by the end of the two years he had accumulated enough money to be able to buy a farm of his own.

He purchased forty acres of timber land in Section 15, Huron township, buying it from Mr. Sheridan. This land he cleared and stumped, built a commodious house and a good barn, and changed the place from trackless wilderness to a well-cared-for modern farm under the best of cultivation. Among other improvements,

he has put in a fine bored well of a depth of one hundred and thirty-three feet.

As the years have brought a great and greater degree of success to him, he has added to the farm from time to time, till now he has one hundred and sixty acres of rich, fertile farm lands in Sections 14 and 15, all under cultivation; and his is one of the best-kept farms in that township. Besides his work in general farming, he has raised some cattle, keeping high-grade stock. He has at present about thirty head of Polled Angus and Red Polled cattle. He raises about forty head of hogs annually, and also a few Norman Percheron horses.

Mr. Sacrison was first married before leaving Sweden, being united in 1844 to Miss Anna Selberg. To them eight children were born, of whom only one is now living, the son Charles, who now lives in Colorado. Mrs. Sacrison died March 16, 1868, and lies buried in Dolby cemetery, in this township. April 1, 1868, Mr. Sacrison was married a second time, his wife being Mrs. Charlotte Scott, daughter of Jonas and Mary (Carlson) Nelson. Mrs. Sacrison had five children by her marriage with William F. Scott, two of whom are living, and three dead, as follows: Samantha, July 19, 1855, deceased; William F., born Aug. 21, 1859; Florence E., born Nov. 18, 1857, deceased; James D., born July 12, 1862; Frank Scott, born Sept. 16, 1864, deceased. James D. Scott now makes his home with Mr. and Mrs. Sacrison. He has acted as game warden for the past five years, and is still holding that position.

Mr. Sacrison has given his attention principally to business affairs, and has never aspired to the tenure of public

office; but at the same time he never fails to discharge the duties of a citizen, giving his allegiance to the Republican party, in the ranks of which he is an active and efficient worker.

In his religious connection he retains the faith of his forefathers, being a member of the Swedish Lutheran church, and has observed a lifelong fidelity to the teachings of this denomination. But the true key to his character lies in the fact that he is a self-made man, that he started in the struggle with the world equipped only with his own strength and ability, and that he has by his own unaided efforts raised himself to his present honored position in the community. For this he deserves great credit, the more so because his methods have always been marked by the strictest honesty and integrity, and he has been fair, upright, and impartial in all his dealings. Indeed, these facts in his career have won for him a high reputation for honor throughout Des Moines county, and he is universally admired and respected for what he has achieved. He is still a hale and hearty old man, and not a day is permitted to pass without his doing something about the farm. Yet the long years are behind him, and his friends are proud of him. A beautiful setting for the closing period of a noble career.

HENRY BREUER.

HENRY BREUER, coming to this country empty handed, has won the proud American title of self-made man, his diligence and close application enabling him to work

his way upward from a humble financial position to one of affluence.

He was born in Prussia, Germany, Sept. 15, 1838, his parents being Henry and Charlotte (Bulk) Breuer. He was educated in the public schools of his native land, and when eighteen years of age he crossed the Atlantic to America, taking passage on one of the old-time sailing vessels, which was nine weeks and three days in reaching the harbor of New Orleans. He proceeded up the Mississippi River by boat to Keokuk, and as the river was then frozen over, he continued the journey by wagon to Burlington, arriving in that city about a week before Christmas, 1857.

As he had no capital he at once sought employment, and began grubbing land for Mr. Horsenkamp. Later he was employed at chopping wood by the month; and after the first year spent in this country he entered the employ of his uncle, Fred Breuer, with whom he continued for four years. He afterward spent three years in the employ of his father-in-law, Samuel Witte, and later began farming on his own account, operating a tract of rented land the first year.

In 1867 he purchased from T. Beckman eighty acres of land, one-half of which was on Section 22, and the remainder on Section 27, Franklin township. He also bought from Frank Orndorff, in 1885, a forty-acre tract on Section 23, so that he now owns one hundred and twenty acres of good land. He carries on general farming, and his efforts are winning success. He has worked persistently and energetically, overcoming all obstacles and difficulties by his determined purpose and laudable ambition, and he is now accounted one of the substantial agriculturists of his community.

In January, 1864, Mr. Breuer was mar-

ried to Miss Mary Witte, a daughter of Samuel and Sophia (Hultzman) Witte. They became the parents of eight children: Henry, Louisa, John, Mary, William, Caroline, Edward, and Lydia. The last named died at the age of five years, while the eldest daughter is now the wife of Frederick Sielerman.

Mr. Breuer is a valued member of the German Evangelical church, in which he has served as trustee for thirty years. In politics he is a Democrat in his views, but does not consider himself bound by party ties. He has served as trustee for one term, but prefers to devote his energies to his general farming interests, wherein he is meeting with success. His life history proves what may be accomplished by a man of determined and unfaltering diligence in a country where effort is not hampered by caste or class.

FRIEDRICH HERMAN THIE.

FRIEDRICH HERMAN THIE is a native son of the city of Burlington, born May 10, 1868. His parents were Henry and Christina Thie, who in his infancy removed from Burlington to Franklin township, establishing their home upon a farm.

The mother died in 1905, at the age of sixty-two years, her birth having occurred in Meissen, Germany, May 17, 1843. In her girlhood days she was brought to America, and has been a resident of Des Moines county for many years. Feb. 25, 1862, in Burlington, she gave her hand in marriage to Henry Thie, and they became the parents of seven children: Henry, Charles, William, and John, all living near Mediapolis on a farm; Friedrich H.,

of Dodgeville, Iowa; and Herman and Louisa, at home.

Mrs. Thie was a consistent Christian woman, having long held membership in the Evangelical St. Johannes church, in Flint River township, and she was loved and respected by her neighbors and many friends, to whom she always cordially extended the hospitality of her home. Mr. Thie yet survives, and is a leading agriculturist of his community. He is also prominent in public affairs, and is now serving as one of the supervisors of the county.

Friedrich Herman Thie spent his youth upon the homestead farm in Franklin township, and is indebted to the district-school system for the educational privileges he enjoyed. He put aside his textbooks at the age of twenty years, and afterward gave his undivided attention to the farm work until twenty-five years of age, when he began farming on his own account, renting land for two years.

In 1893 his father bought a farm from Mr. Berry, which farm our subject operated for a time, later buying it. He has since resided upon this place, which is situated in Sections 26 and 27, Franklin township, comprising sixty acres in the latter section, and eighty acres on the former. He usually feeds a car-load of cattle each year, and raises about forty or fifty head of Poland China hogs annually. His stock-raising interests are bringing to him a gratifying measure of success, and his fields also yield rich harvests in return for the care and labor he bestows upon them. He is practical in his methods, and thoroughly reliable in all of his business dealings.

On April 6, 1893, Mr. Thie was married to Miss Amalie Riepe, a daughter of J. H. and Julia Ann (Breuer) Riepe. Mrs. Thie was born in Flint River township, July 1, 1870, and has always lived in this county. There are three children by this marriage: Raymond, born Sept. 6, 1896; Meta, born May 13, 1898; and Abner, Nov. 5, 1901.

The parents are members of the German Evangelical church, and are worthy young people of the community, having a wide circle of friends, who esteem them highly for their genuine worth. Politically, Mr. Thie is a Republican in his sympathies, and usually supports the party, but does not consider himself bound by party ties. He regards the welfare and progress of the community as more essential than partisanship.

CASPER HEIL.

CASPER HEIL, one of the prominent German-American residents of Burlington, who has for a third of a century occupied a leading position in business circles here in connection with important productive industries of the city, is now the president of the Casper Heil Brewing Company, which owns and operates the Casper Heil Brewery, and manufactures the well-known "Heil's Beer." He has risen from comparative obscurity to his present commanding position in connection with the industrial interests of the city.

A native of Germany, he was born in Baden, in December, 1830, his parents being Fidal and Anna (Speck) Heil. In his native country he learned the cooper's

trade under the direction of his father, and in 1852, when in his twenty-second year, he came to the United States, sailing from Havre, France, to New York, where he arrived after a voyage of forty-two days. Continuing his journey across the country, he reached Burlington, Iowa, on the 12th of August, and here secured employment as a coopèr, working in that way until 1866. During the last decade of that period he was conducting a cooperage shop of his own and developed an excellent business, employing as many as twenty-four men at a time. He worked along progressive lines, and his strenuous labor and capable management yielded him a gratifying measure of success. Thinking that he might have still better opportunity for advancement and financial prosperity in other departments of commercial activity, he embarked in the brewing business, in Des Moines, in January, 1866, remaining a resident of that city until 1872, when he purchased a brewery at Burlington from the firm of Bauer & Schaffner. He at once commenced to rebuild and remodel the plant, and has since added to the building until it is now one of the finest structures in the city, its cost being not less than seventy thousand dollars. For a number of years after he began in the brewing business he was alone, and so capably did he manage his affairs that very gratifying success attended the enterprise. In 1888 he had to close the brewery on account of the State law. Many men, similarly affected in a business way by the new law, gave way to depression. Not so with Mr. Heil. With undaunted courage he adjusted himself to the new conditions, looked about for other opportunity for business investment, and, with three other men prominent financially, he organized the

Granite Brick Company, with a capital of thirty-five thousand dollars, and installed the plant which since that time has been operated successfully in the manufacture of paving brick, and filling a needed place in the economy of industrial enterprises in Burlington, there being no paving-brick factory nearer than Galesburg, Ill. After successfully operating this plant for fifteen years, the company sold it in 1903 to the Burlington Construction Company.

In the meantime, in 1892,—at the time of another change in the law,—Mr. Heil resumed brewing operations, still alone, but under the name of the Burlington Brewery. He remodeled the plant, installing a refrigerating machine for cooling, it being the first put into breweries in that section. In 1894 the business was incorporated under the name of the Casper Heil Brewing Company, with a capital stock of sixty thousand dollars, the officers being: Casper Heil, president; Oscar Heil, vice-president and superintendent; and Herman A. Heil, treasurer and secretary, the latter two being sons of Casper Heil, whom he admitted to the business after providing them with good educational privileges. In 1896 further additions were made, and now the plant covers one hundred and fifty by one hundred and twenty feet on Jefferson Street, near Central Avenue, most of the buildings being four stories in height, of red brick and of fine architectural design. From time to time modern improvements have been added, and the business has increased with such rapidity that the output now exceeds six thousand barrels annually.

In March, 1861, Mr. Heil was united in marriage to Miss Susanna Ziegenhein, who was born in Burlington, and is a daughter of Theodore Ziegenhein, a native of Ger-

many. There have been seven children born of this marriage: William, who is a brewer in Hannibal, Mo.; Hannah, the deceased wife of Herman Mathes; Minnie, who died in childhood, in Des Moines; Ida (called Patty), the second wife of Herman Mathes; Mollie and Nettie, at home; Oscar and Herman A., who are engaged in business with their father. Mr. Heil has a fine home on West Jefferson Street, where he has lived since 1891.

In his political views Mr. Heil is a stalwart Democrat. His has been a notable business career, for he landed in New York with only ten dollars in money. His earlier environment, too, necessitated immediate occupation, while his laudable ambition to attain success served as an impetus for untiring labor. As the years have gone by, through the utilization and mastery of opportunities which have come to him, he has gained for himself prosperity, and has won a position among the representative business men of Burlington.

FREDRICK J. KUHLEMEIER.

FREDRICK J. KUHLEMEIER, whose intense and well-directed activity is rapidly becoming a forceful factor in the progress and prosperity of Burlington, is a director of the Merchants' Life Association and the superintendent of one of its most important departments, with offices in the National State Bank building in that city. He occupies a conspicuous position among the successful younger business men of his city, and in his business relations and dealings has applied the principles of a private life in which fidelity to duty, trustworthiness,

and consideration of others have been salient features.

A native son of Iowa, Mr. Kuhlemeier was born at Charles City, this State, March 10, 1873, the son of the late Hon. August H. and Lena (Cramer) Kuhlemeier.

August H. Kuhlemeier, father of our subject, was born in Lippe Detwald, Germany, Dec. 10, 1846, and immigrating to America in 1853, settled in Freeport, Ill., where he later began his business career as clerk in a dry-goods store, subsequently taking a position as traveling agent for a compatriot who was engaged in business at Freeport. Manifesting extraordinary business ability, he received rapid advancement, and going from promotion to promotion, became general agent for Iowa, Nebraska, and Dakota, in which capacity by tireless energy and wise control of those under his charge, he built up an enormous and highly profitable business. In 1870 he removed to Burlington, here becoming revenue collector for the fourth district of Iowa by appointment of the Cleveland administration. He organized the Merchants' Life Association, becoming its first president, and occupied that position until his death. As a man who enjoyed the implicit confidence of the public and of financial circles, he was enabled to place the company in a prominent position from the start, securing for the enterprise its full share of prestige among older institutions of recognized standing. Possessing indomitable resolution and great personal force, any undertaking to which he lent his efforts was destined to succeed, while his keen judgment and remarkable power of analyzing a business situation were of immeasurable benefit to the company and carried it to triumphs even beyond the ex-

pectations of those who gave it their heartiest support.

Outside his business activities, he played a notable part in the political life of his day, exercising a commanding influence in the councils of the Democratic party, of which he was a staunch adherent and supporter, and in recognition of his talents and the sterling virtues of his character he was at one time returned by Des Moines county as her representative in the State Legislature of Iowa, while during an extended term of years he was frequently called by an important constituency to serve their interests as a member of the city council. All these public trusts he executed with the efficiency and conscientiousness which characterized everything he did, and the loss which the community sustained in his death was one that can not soon be repaired.

* At Charles City, on June 3, 1872, he wedded Miss Lena Cramer, and to them were born three sons: Frederick J., the subject of this review; August R.; and Harry F.

Fredrick J. Kuhlemeier has been a resident of Burlington since infancy, and it is to the public-school system of his city that he owes his preliminary education, though not all of the educational advantages which he enjoys, for after completing his literary course there, he pursued further studies under the direction of private tutors.

He inaugurated his business career as a traveling salesman for the Burlington Basket Company, in whose employ he continued for three years, scoring a number of notable successes, winning the commendation of his employers, and forming many valuable friendships throughout a wide extent of territory. At the expiration of that period he became chief clerk to the

superintendent of construction in charge of the erection of the Federal building in Burlington, and a year later, upon the organization of the Merchants' Life Association, he entered its employ as book-keeper, and was also elected a member of the board of directors, an office which he still holds. His present position is that of superintendent of agencies — one requiring in its incumbent a high development of tact and executive force, and which may be said, in fact, to constitute the keystone of the whole structure of the business, since it is upon the successful administration of this department that the healthful condition of the entire institution depends. Of these necessary and invaluable qualifications Mr. Kuhlmeier has shown himself to be the fortunate possessor, and the vigor and quick perception which he has brought to his work are winning for him increasing appreciation among his associates, and with the general public who appreciate merit and a spirit of enlightened enterprise.

On Sept. 30, 1903, Mr. Kuhlmeier was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Crawford, daughter of Mrs. Jane Crawford. Mrs. Kuhlmeier is a native of Des Moines county, where she has always resided, and is a woman of many social gifts and connections, being a member of the Musical Club, the King's Daughters, and the Presbyterian church, in all of which she is a prominent worker. Mr. Kuhlmeier is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Burlington Boat Club, and the Burlington Golf Club; and as one who has always taken a vital interest in public affairs, he has long been active in Democratic politics, and by his influence and ability has been able to perform much valuable service, enjoying extreme popu-

larity among the younger element of the party, while the conservative and solid qualities of his character have brought him the reward of universal favor and esteem. He has a wide circle of acquaintance, and his genial and warm-hearted disposition is well calculated to win him friends.

HYRAM MESSENGER.

HYRAM MESSENGER is a man whose career illustrates the value of sound business principles applied to every undertaking. He is a general farmer, the proprietor of a fine estate consisting of very choice land in Yellow Springs township, Des Moines county, and has risen to a prominent place in his chosen calling by the use of precisely the same principles that make for fame and fortune wherever manly character and business integrity manifest themselves. He has studied the situation in which his interests are involved, has determined what is right and proper to do, and then has gone ahead with boldness and enterprise, to work out the problems in his own life and field of labor. This plan of life has resulted in such a measure of success that his name deserves and receives an honorable place in this chronicle.

Hiram Messenger, son of William and Julia (Brown) Messenger, was born Feb. 7, 1832, in Chenango county, New York. Here he lived until he was fifteen years of age, receiving his education in the district schools. At that time his father moved his family to Yellow Springs township, Iowa, where the boy Hiram was allowed to complete his education.

The father, in partnership with his brother, bought a farm of two hundred and twenty acres; and also, without a partner, bought another farm at Yellow Springs. On the latter he made his home for a number of years, but at last went to Colorado, where he lived till the time of his death, which occurred at Black Hawk, when he was about seventy-five years of age. His wife passed away in Muscatine county, Iowa.

Hiram Messenger also went to Colorado, but after spending three months in that State and three months in Missouri, he came to the conclusion that there were greater opportunities open for him in Iowa than in either of those States, so returned to this township, where he has made his home ever since.

He bought the farm which he now occupies in 1864, and has made all the improvements upon it himself. The farm consists of one hundred and forty-nine acres of rich land in Section 31, and is well suited to general farming, such as Mr. Messenger carries on. Besides this work of general farming, of which Mr. Messenger has made such a notable success, he also raises some cattle, having about ten head of cattle and about twice as many hogs. Mr. Messenger has his farm well equipped with modern implements, and has erected a commodious barn and other buildings as need for them arose, as well as a fine, comfortable dwelling-house.

Mr. Messenger has shown himself to be a public-spirited man, a careful student of those questions of public policies that affect the community, and a man who is ready to serve the community in whatever way he may be called upon. He

has served as assessor for the township for two terms, giving the best of satisfaction. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, faithful to its doctrinal teachings, and conscientious in his practice. As a recognition of these qualities he has been called upon to serve as trustee and deacon in the church for a number of years.

In March, 1857, Mr. Messenger was united in the bonds of wedlock to Miss Jane Harper. Mrs. Messenger was born in Ohio, the daughter of David and Hannah (Wallace) Harper. She was a devoted Christian woman, much esteemed among her acquaintances for her genial social qualities as well as her many virtues. She died on the home place, about 1885. Mr. and Mrs. Messenger were the parents of seven children, of whom three died in infancy; the others are: Albert, road supervisor; Charles, of Colorado; Allie and Anna, at home.

The Messengers are very highly esteemed in the community, where their helpful and useful lives are swiftly passing in a round of good deeds and quiet fostering of all that is generous and inspiring in life around them.

EDWARD AUGUST BECKMAN.

EDWARD AUGUST BECKMAN, who owns and operates a farm of two hundred and twenty acres in Yellow Springs township, was born in Danville township, Des Moines county, near Middletown, June 8, 1858, his parents being John E. and Louisa (Granaman) Beckman. In his youth he attended the district schools,

and throughout his entire life he has followed farming, having early begun work in the fields. He followed the plow when still a youth, and throughout his entire life has carried on agricultural pursuits with the exception of a brief period passed in the West. In 1885 he went to California, and for three years he worked by the month in the gold mines at Hayden Hill, Lawson county. In the fall of 1887, however, he returned home, and in the spring of 1888 purchased the farm which he now occupies from Garrett & Starker, of the Iowa State Savings Bank, paying forty-five dollars per acre for this property. It is now one of the finest farms in Yellow Springs township, and comprises one hundred and twenty acres on Section 23, forty acres of which he purchased from Mr. McKewen, forty acres from John McMillen, and twenty acres of timber land lying in Huron township. His possessions aggregate two hundred and twenty acres, and he has a valuable property, the fields being richly cultivated, and return him golden harvests. Everything about his place is kept in an excellent state of improvement and repair, and in all his farm methods he is practical and progressive, while upon his place are all the equipments and accessories found upon a model farm.

Feb. 15, 1888, Mr. Beckman was united in marriage to Miss Mary Feldman, a daughter of John and Mary (Ries) Feldman. She was born in Franklin township, Des Moines county, Sept. 18, 1859, and has always lived in this part of the State. Two children grace this marriage: Oswald Edward, who was born April 22, 1896; and Margaret Louise, whose birth occurred April 27, 1900.

In his political views Mr. Beckman is a stalwart Republican, but without aspiration for office, preferring to give his time and attention to his business interests. He was reared in the Lutheran faith, but is now a member of the Presbyterian church, and for two years has served as deacon. His life has been characterized by honorable principles and without ostentation or display, and has shown in his life work many sterling traits of character which commend him to the confidence and respect of his fellow-men.

GEORGE S. JAMISON.

THE name which gives title to this review has long been familiar to Des Moines county people in both business and literary circles, and is one that will command immediate and universal interest. Although a native of the "Emerald Isle," Mr. Jamison is of Scotch ancestry, the tradition in the family being that in the time of the Claverhouse persecutions the ancestors of the present generation were driven from Scotland, whence they went to Ireland, and permanently settled. He was born at Newtownards, County Down, Ireland, Sept. 16, 1849, a son of James and Mary (Patterson) Jamison, both now deceased. The father, who was a wholesale and retail merchant, died in 1884 at the age of sixty-seven years. He may be said to have belonged to a race characterized by longevity, as his father attained to the age of ninety years, and his mother to eighty-nine. Our subject is one of a family of four brothers and six sisters, of which he is the only member that ever came to America, while only one other now survives,



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this being David, a clergyman, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church at Newtown-hamilton.

Mr. Jamison began his education in the national schools, took a subsequent course at Turnley Academy, and completed his studies at the Royal Academical Institution at Belfast, later traveling in England and Wales. He then served an apprenticeship in the wholesale dry-goods business with Lindsay Brothers, Donnegal Place, Belfast; but deciding to try his fortune in the New World, he embarked for America on April 17, 1871. Landing at New York, he first spent some time in the oil regions of Pennsylvania and adjacent territory; but he felt that in the great West lay his proper field of activity, and after proceeding as far as the Missouri River on a tour of inspection, he selected Burlington for his future location, and arrived here in June, 1871. In this city and on farms he did manual labor for a time, until he secured a place as bookkeeper with H. H. Scott, a dry-goods merchant. Thus he passed the first two years, at the end of which, his literary abilities attracting attention, he was offered and accepted a position as an editorial writer for the *Hawke-Eye*, in which he continued until he formed a similar connection with the *Burlington Daily*. During the year of 1874 he acted as press-agent for the Forrester Dramatic Company, of New York, and on his return here took the editorship of the *Burlington Daily Gazette*, doing much in the period of his incumbency to add to the popularity of that newspaper. Seven years he spent in the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, first in a clerical capacity in the freight office until 1876, then as night clerk for four years, and from 1880 until 1882 in the local freight office as claim clerk.

This connection he terminated to become identified with the Burlington Insurance Company, for which he acted as a general correspondent and loss clerk for twelve years, or until the failure of the company in February, 1894, at which time he established a general insurance agency to handle the local business of a number of the older companies. In this enterprise he has achieved success, at the present time controlling a large volume of business, and occupying a leading position among the insurance agents of this portion of Iowa.

Since his naturalization, Mr. Jamison has been a stanch Republican in his political affiliation, having cast his first ballot for Rutherford B. Hayes for president, and has taken an active interest in all affairs of local government. As a recognition of his services to his party, he was made its candidate for the office of county auditor, and his popularity is attested by the fact that although the county was Democratic, he received the largest vote accorded to any member of the ticket. In his fraternal relations he is a member of Excelsior Lodge, No. 268, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has filled all the chairs, and is a member and past chief patriarch of Eureka Encampment, No. 2, having been representative from District 28 to the Grand Lodge for six terms, and also has membership connections with Burlington Council, No. 530, of the Royal Arcanum.

On Christmas day, 1876, he wedded Miss Ida C. Hawkins, of Mount Pleasant, Iowa, daughter of deacon Eli Hawkins, who was among the early settlers of Henry county, and to them have been born two children: James E., at present in the employ of the Burlington Paper Company as a bookkeeper; and Jeannette, a student at the Iowa

State University. Mr. Jamison has exercised a marked influence upon public affairs in Iowa as a prominent editor, by means of his forceful literary style and vigorous handling of local and general issues. While he was engaged in active newspaper work, his editorials were widely copied and commented upon, and were universally regarded as expressive of the attitude of the Middle West toward current questions — an estimate fully justified by their broad and liberal tone and representative character. His purely literary work he still continues, for since leaving the office of the *Burlington Hawk-Eye* he has regularly contributed book reviews, a class of work for which he is eminently fitted by culture and natural aptitude or taste, and these have ever been marked by ability, fairness, and close discrimination, as well as a high order of literary excellence. His personal standing in the community is one that may indeed be called enviable, for he has many friends, and by reason of a uniformly honorable course enjoys general and sincere respect.

CARL AUGUST ANDERSON.

FOR nearly a quarter of a century Carl August Anderson has been identified with the building interests of Burlington, most of the time as a prominent contractor. Mr. Anderson was born Jan. 15, 1857, a son of Andrus and Johanna (Carlson) Johnson, in Westergotland, Sweden, and received a good preliminary education in the public schools, from which he graduated. His early training was later supplemented by several years of study in a high-class technical school

in the city of Stockholm. His father being a cabinet-maker, Mr. Anderson learned that trade, and also that of carpentering, mastering both with thoroughness in all their details, both of theory and practice, and in addition securing a position which afforded him a great deal of mill experience, which he has since found to be exceedingly valuable to him. For seven years he acted as foreman, having charge of extensive building operations, and part of this duty comprised the making of all plans and measurements from which the actual drawing were made.

Mr. Anderson was very successful in his native country, but feeling that better opportunities for self-development and advancement awaited him on this side the Atlantic, he came to America in 1881, landing at Boston on November 10 of that year and coming direct to Burlington, where he has since resided without interruption. Here he began work for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company in the construction of their shops. On the completion of that engagement he was in the employ of various contractors for a number of years while familiarizing himself with American conditions.

In 1891 he began contracting on his own account, and has since built many private residences, business houses, and public edifices which add greatly to the artistic and substantial appearance of the vicinity, among them being the county poor farm building, costing \$14,000, for which he did the contract work and the county furnished the material; four business houses on Jefferson Street; the South Hill school, \$7,500; the Lincoln

school, on Sixth Street, \$16,500; a school building at LaHarpe, Ill., \$15,000; the Chittenden & Eastman business block; the large factory building of the Murray Iron Company; a church structure at Galesburg, Ill., \$5,000, and the residences of LaMonte Cowles, Mrs. Ed. Gardner, Mrs. John Fisher, Professor Sheldon, and many other of Burlington's most magnificent residences. Mr. Anderson has the contract and is now building the new poorhouse on the county farm, the old one having been burned in the spring of 1905.

Mr. Anderson has been twice married, first on June 9, 1882, to Miss Emma Louise Larson, daughter of Peter and Anna Charlotte Larson, by whom he had three children: Hulda, now Mrs. Gugenheimer, of Burlington; David G., now an apprentice to his father in the carpenter's trade; and Ruth, a student in Elliott's Business College of Burlington. Mrs. Anderson died Dec. 3, 1890, when a young woman, she having been born Dec. 31, 1869.

June 17, 1896, Mr. Anderson wedded Miss Tillie Johnson, daughter of John and Inga (Bengtson) Johnson, and to them have been born two children: Lydia, aged seven years; and Eva, aged three.

As a man of enlightened intelligence and education, Mr. Anderson has always taken a lively interest in public questions, and in matters of national politics supports the Republican party, although in local affairs he preserves an independent attitude. He has never aspired to public preferment, but during the two years from 1900 to 1902 acted as building commissioner for the city of

Burlington, a position in which he rendered efficient service.

Fraternally, he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and in his religious relations is identified with the First Swedish Baptist church, and has been for many years one of its deacons and trustees, which offices he now holds. A man of high personal character, his record is one of honor, integrity, and unflinching uprightness; and while he has achieved a pronounced success in business, he has ever held to the highest principles and rules of conduct, so that his is a reputation unsurpassed.

JEREMIAH KITCHEN.

JEREMIAH KITCHEN, who for many years resided in Des Moines county, and was identified with various business interests, was born Feb. 24, 1838, in the city of Burlington, his parents being Thomas and Mary (David) Kitchen. The father was a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1807, while the mother's birth occurred in Kentucky, in 1810. He was a tailor by trade, and removed to Iowa in pioneer times, becoming one of the early residents of Burlington. He afterward went to Honey Creek, Ill., and spent his last days upon a farm, his death occurring in 1851. In his family were seven children, but only two are now living, Mrs. Sue Mercer, and Mary Eliza, the wife of John Beere, of Mediapolis.

Jeremiah Kitchen was a student in the public schools of Burlington in his early youth, and also attended a school conducted by Mr. Graff. He afterward

worked upon the farm of his uncle, John S. David, and later began learning the printer's trade in the office of the *Hawk-Eye*. After the outbreak of the Civil War he espoused the Union cause, enlisting at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, in Company E, First Iowa Cavalry, on July 31, 1861. After serving three years he re-enlisted in July, 1864, and was honorably discharged Feb. 15, 1866, under special orders at Austin, Texas.

June 8, 1871, Mr. Kitchen was married to Miss Anna T. Colgan, who was born Dec. 25, 1847, in County Cavin, Ireland. Her father, Charles Colgan, was born in Ireland in 1823. He was a farmer, and came to America in 1848 on one of the old-time sailing vessels, being three months on the water. He settled in Westchester, Pa., living for three years upon a farm, and in 1851 came to Burlington. He clerked at the McCutcheon House for a year, and afterward went to West Burlington, where he boarded the employees that were building the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, being thus engaged for several years. His daughter, Mrs. Kitchen, was one of the first girls to ride on the engine after the railroad was completed, making the run to the river.

Later Mr. Colgan engaged in gardening, and also conducted business as a stone-mason contractor. He afterward went West to the mines, but subsequently returning to West Burlington, was there employed as a salesman in the Gohagan grocery store for three years. He also spent seven years as clerk in the Barret House. He passed away Sept. 21, 1900, his remains being interred in the Catholic cemetery. His wife's people

were farmers. She passed away several years before the death of her husband, her demise occurring in 1881. Mr. Colgan was a Democrat in his political views, and served as market master of Burlington for a number of years, and also as street commissioner. In the Colgan family were seven children, of whom two are living: Mrs. Kitchen, of this review; and Margaret, the wife of William Clark, of Indianapolis, Ind.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Kitchen were born three children: George L., born Oct. 7, 1872, in Burlington, was a clerk in this city for some time, and died July 19, 1899. Arthur Rufus, born Oct. 17, 1874, was also employed as a clerk, and died May 2, 1896. Mary Ruth, born April 13, 1883, in Burlington, was married to George Lewis Heck, who was born Feb. 24, 1881, and was a son of George and Elizabeth (Yackel) Heck. The parents had but one daughter, Mabel A., who is now married. Mr. Heck is now traveling for Chittenden & Eastman Company. There is one child of this marriage, Ruth M., who was born May 18, 1903.

Mr. Kitchen was a Republican in politics, but never aspired to office. He was one of the members of the hook and ladder company of the fire department. Subsequent to his return from the war he again worked at the printer's trade, and later was employed in the railroad shops. For nine years thereafter he was in the employ of Donohue & McCosh, and afterward with the McCosh Barb-Wire Company. Later he worked for the Burlington Lumber Company, being thus engaged up to the time of his death, which occurred June 23, 1900. Mrs. Kitchen is a caterer, and has attained prominence in

the business to which she devotes her energies.

The Kitchen family have been quite prominent in religious work in Burlington and Des Moines county. Mrs. Mary Kitchen was one of the original members of the Baptist church in Burlington, and Mrs. Kitchen of this review presented the large Bible and hymn book to the Baptist church when it was dedicated.

Mr. and Mrs. Heck are members of the Methodist church, and Mr. Heck was president of the Baraca class for years. Mrs. Huston was a teacher of this class until she went away, and Mrs. Heck has been president of the Philethea class of the Sunday-school. Mr. Heck has in his possession a beautiful book bound in inlaid olive wood, which was presented to him by Mr. Crossley. It contains pressed flowers from the principal cities of the Holy Land. The influence of the family has ever been on the side of progress and improvement. Mr. and Mrs. Colgan were members of the Catholic church, and thus in both branches Mrs. Heck is descended from ancestors whose efforts in behalf of right were strongly and beneficially felt.

FRANK E. JOHNSON.

FRANK E. JOHNSON, a leading agriculturist of Flint River township, residing on Section 27, has spent his entire life in Des Moines county, his birth having occurred in Burlington, on the 13th of January, 1861. His parents were August and Matilda Johnson, both natives of Sweden, whence they came to the United States in childhood, settling in

Burlington. The father was employed in various ways there in early life, and for several years after his marriage engaged in teaming. Later he purchased a farm in Union township, Des Moines county, and continued its cultivation until about 1898, when he sold that property and again took up his abode in Burlington, where he is now leading a retired life. He lost his wife when their son Frank was only eight years of age. They were the parents of five children, all of whom are living.

Frank E. Johnson acquired his preliminary education in the district schools near his home, and also spent two winters as a student in a business college in Burlington. He was seven years of age when his father removed to the farm in Union township, and there he was reared, early receiving practical training in the methods of cultivating the soil and caring for the stock. He continued to aid his father in the cultivation of the old homestead up to the time of his marriage, which occurred when he was twenty-four years of age, when he began farming on his own account by renting a tract of land. He leases the farm on which he now resides, on Section 27, Flint River township, comprising one hundred and twenty-four acres of land. In 1903 he purchased fifty-six and a half acres lying on Sections 27, 33, and 34, Flint River township, which he rents to a tenant. Aside from the farm on which he resides Mr. Johnson rents another farm in the same township, of one hundred and forty-five acres, which he operates in connection with another tenant. He is very practical in his methods, and everything about his place is kept in condition, while

the neat appearance of his farm indicates his careful supervision.

In his political views Mr. Johnson is a stalwart Republican, deeply interested in the success of the party, and is now serving for the second term as assessor of his township. He has also been a member of the school board for a number of years, and is a member of the Modern Woodmen of the World.

On the 13th of March, 1885, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Johnson and Miss Elizabeth Keitzer, who was born in Union township, Des Moines county, and is a daughter of John and Margaret Keitzer. The father was born on the ocean when his parents were *en route* for America. They continued across the country to Iowa, settling in Burlington township, Des Moines county, and afterward they removed to Union township, where they still reside. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have been born three children: Maud, born in Union township; and Elsie and Truie, born in Flint River township.

FRANK H. SOWDEN.

FRANK H. SOWDEN, whose intense and well-directed activity has been the salient element in his success as a dealer in paints and wall-papers, and a contractor in painting, decorating, and frescoing, is one of the native sons of Burlington whose business record is a credit to the city. He was born Aug. 2, 1857, a son of Charles and Phoebe (Parkin) Sowden, the former a native of Leeds, England, and the latter of Meltham, that country. They were married in the land of their nativity in 1825, and crossed

the Atlantic to the United States in 1845. The father was a machinist and "engine driver," acting as engineer on the railroad between Manchester and Sheffield ere leaving England. The voyage across the Atlantic was made on the "Hindoostan," and covered six weeks. They sailed from Liverpool on the 17th of March, 1845, and reached Burlington early in May. Here Charles Sowden secured a position as machinist in the foundry and shops of Charles Hendrie, where the Union depot now stands. Two years later he went to Muscatine, Iowa, where he established a foundry and machine shop, carrying on business there for three years, after which he returned to Burlington and here opened a foundry and machine shop, which he conducted from 1852 until his death, having his plant where is now the green sward north of the depot building of Burlington. He conducted a general foundry and machine shop, building stationary engines, manufacturing architectural iron work, and employing about fifty men, including machinists, molders, and blacksmiths. As the years passed by, his business increased, and he added annually to his capital. He died Jan. 15, 1875, and his remains were interred in Aspen Grove cemetery. He left an estate valued at forty-three thousand dollars, of which Richard Spencer and Peter Fawcett were made administrators. His widow is still living, making her home at 930 Valley Street. They were the parents of fourteen children, of whom ten were living at the time of the father's death, but one has since passed away. The others are: James, at home; Thomas, who is conducting a machine shop on South Fourth Street; Charles, who is with the Burlington & Missouri Railroad at Wymore, Nebr.; Frank H.; Robert, who is with the

Murray Iron Works, of West Burlington; Jane, the wife of W. J. Jarvis, of Chicago; Harry, a machinist at the Murray Iron Works; William, who is also employed there; and John, a machinist.

In the public schools of Burlington, Frank H. Sowden acquired his more specifically literary education, and later prepared for the duties of the business world by a course in Bryant & Stratton's Business College, in Burlington. He became book-keeper for his father at the age of fifteen years, and acted in that capacity until his father's death, when he entered upon an apprenticeship to Fred Schramm, to learn the painter's trade, and has since been connected with this line of industrial activity. He has followed this pursuit in Burlington, Chicago, St. Louis, and other places, and he began business on his own account in Burlington, as proprietor of a paint shop, in 1880. After three years he embarked in the grocery business at 318 North Third Street, where he continued for two years, when he sold out and again resumed painting, as a member of the firm of Murphy & Sowden. After eighteen months he organized the firm of Murphy, Meers & Sowden, and opened a paint and wall-paper store at 412 Jefferson Street, where he continued for two years. He next removed to Chicago, where he was connected with the wholesale and retail wall-paper establishment of Janeway & Company for three years. Again locating in Burlington, he has since been at the corner of Fourth and Washington Streets, dealing in wall-paper, paints, moldings, picture-frames, and painters' supplies. He also does business as a sign writer, decorator, and frescoer, and has done the interior finishing and decorating in many of the finest churches, resi-

dences, and other buildings of Burlington. His business, growing year by year, has reached extensive and profitable proportions, and he is to-day one of the leading representatives in his line in the city.

Mr. Sowden was married in Burlington, in 1884, to Miss Ella E. Agnew, a native of this city, born April 12, 1858, and a daughter of Patrick Agnew, deceased. Mrs. Agnew is yet living, her home being on South Third Street. Mrs. Sowden has three sisters and four brothers: Thomas; Mary, wife of J. J. Curran; John; James; Alice, who is stamp clerk in the postoffice; and Lizzie. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Sowden have been born six children: Bessie, Hugh M., Harry C., Helen, Jack, and Paul.

Mr. Sowden is quite prominent in fraternal circles. He belongs to Des Moines Lodge, No. 1, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Burlington Lodge, No. 84, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and the Royal Arcanum. In the Elks Lodge he is a past exalted ruler, the present esquire, and was representative to the grand lodge at St. Louis, in 1898. In the Royal Arcanum he has held all the offices, is a past regent, and represented his lodge at the grand lodge in Des Moines in 1902. He belongs to the Carthage Lake Club, and in his political views is a Democrat. His home is at 817 Summer Street; the house is one of the old landmarks of the city, having been built by Dr. Chamberlin, but improvements have made it a comfortable and attractive home, and it is also noted for its generous and pleasing hospitality. In his business career every step has been thoughtfully made and has been a step in advance; and although he received little assistance at the outset of his career, his mastery of the business, his careful manage-

ment of his affairs, and his unfaltering diligence have made him one of the most successful and foremost representatives of his department of industrial activity in his native city.

GEORGE BOECK.

GEORGE BOECK, active in the business circles of Burlington, where he is engaged in meat-packing, belongs to that class of worthy citizens that the Fatherland has furnished to the New World; and possessing the dominant qualities of his race,—industry and persistency of purpose,—he has steadily worked his way upward until a gratifying measure of success has come to him as the reward of his labor. He was born in Groszbieberau, Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, May 2, 1841, his parents being Adam and Katherine (Merker) Boeck. The father was a butcher by trade, and was the sixth in direct line of descent in the family who had followed that calling.

All of the brothers of Mr. Boeck have been butchers, and his sons have continued in the same line of activity. John Boeck, grandfather of George Boeck, was a butcher and also a farmer, and he likewise conducted a tavern. The old home of the family was near Gespenz, and the nearest market cities were Darmstadt and Frankfort, to which places they often drove cattle, hogs and sheep. John Boeck had four sons and two daughters.

Adam Boeck was a soldier, and served for six years in the dragoons in Germany. As far as is known, all of the ancestors lived to advanced ages, and Adam Boeck reached the venerable age of ninety-two

years, his birth having occurred in 1800, while his death occurred in 1892. His life was not then terminated by illness, but was occasioned by a fall down a stairway. His wife, Katherine, died in 1890, at the age of eighty-six years, as the result of a broken leg. In their family were nine children, three sons and six daughters, who reached mature years. The others of the family to come to America were the daughter Katherine, who came to Burlington with Adam Funk, in order to live with her niece, Mrs. George Phillip Krieschbaum, a sister of Mr. Funk, who was returning from a visit to his relatives in the Fatherland. She afterward married Leonard Bosch. Later another sister, Susan Boeck, came to Burlington, and was afterward married to John Bosch.

George Boeck, whose name introduces this record, learned the butcher's trade under the direction of his father. The year 1857 witnessed his arrival in the New World. Crossing the Atlantic to New York, he proceeded westward to Burlington, where he sought employment in the line of his trade, being thus occupied until 1864, when having acquired some capital through his labor and economy, he opened a shop of his own. He has since built up a large business as a meat dealer at 208-212 Fifth Street, where he has a complete packing establishment, employing twenty-six men, and having a large output. His business has been constantly developed through his careful management, and he is to-day in control of a profitable trade.

In 1864 Mr. Boeck was married to Miss Hannah Roth, who was born near Hof, Bavaria, in 1840, and came to Burlington in 1852 with her parents, Lawrence and

Mary Roth. The father died soon after his arrival in the New World, but the mother lived for many years. They had four children who reached adult age: John Roth, the only son, who is living retired in Burlington; Katy, the wife of George Dehn; Mary, deceased; and Hannah, wife of the subject of this sketch.

Five children have been born unto Mr. and Mrs. Boeck: Anna, the wife of Louis Wallbridge, cashier of the First National Bank of Burlington; Katie, the wife of E. C. Gnahn, a book-seller of Burlington; George who married Julia Gary, is in business with his father; Edward C., who married Carrie Howe, is engaged in the meat business; Albert and Edward, both also in the meat business.

In his political views Mr. Boeck, is a stalwart Republican. He is fraternally a thirty-second degree Mason, belonging to Des Moines Lodge, No. 1, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Iowa Chapter, No. 1, Royal Arch Masons; St. Omer Commandery, No. 15, Knights Templar; the Consistory at Davenport; and Kaaba Temple, of the Mystic Shrine, also of Davenport. He is likewise a member of Burlington Lodge, No. 84, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Mr. Boeck has visited Germany three times since establishing his home in the New World,—first in 1864, remaining three months; again in 1870, when he made a short business trip; and in 1878, when he was accompanied by his wife and two daughters, remaining four months in the Fatherland. He visited the World's Exposition at Philadelphia in 1876, at Chicago in 1893, at St. Louis in 1904, and through travel has greatly broadened his knowledge of the world.

For almost half a century he has been a resident of Burlington, and has therefore witnessed many changes here, as the city has developed in harmony with modern ideas of progress and improvement. The hope that led him to leave his native land and seek a home in America has been more than realized. He found that opportunities come to all, and that success depends upon their utilization and mastery. Accordingly he bent his efforts to the accomplishment of the task which he assigned himself, and as the years have passed his resolution, perseverance, and reliability have won for him a desirable competence.

GEORGE A. MILLER.

GEORGE A. MILLER, who for many years was prominently identified with educational interests in the West, and whose advocacy of all that tends to benefit humanity has made him a valued factor in every community in which he has resided, now makes his home in Burlington. He was born in Vermont, Sept. 18, 1836. His father, Nathaniel Miller, was a native of Bridgewater, Vt., as was the paternal grandfather, who likewise bore the name of Nathaniel Miller. The mother of our subject, Mrs. Nancy (Paull) Miller, was a native of Barnard, Vt., and a daughter of Jeremiah Paull, of Massachusetts, whose wife, Jane Strowbridge, was a native of Middleboro, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Miller, Jr., became the parents of five children, four sons and a daughter, of whom three are living: Samuel E., a resident of New Bedford, Mass.; George A.; and Edwin R., who served as

a soldier of the Civil War, and is now living in Meriden, N. H. The father died when his son George was but thirteen years of age, and the mother, surviving until Jan. 24, 1870, passed away in Berlin, Vt., at the age of seventy-one years.

George A. Miller, following his father's death, was bound out to a farmer, who was to allow him three months' schooling each year, and when he attained his majority was to give him a suit of clothing and one hundred dollars. But when he was fourteen years of age he was released from this contract and began working by the month as a farm hand. Ambitious to secure an education, he worked persistently, saving his money until his capital was sufficient to enable him to continue his studies in an education of higher grade than the district schools. He attended the Kimball Union Academy, at Meriden, N. H., and also Barre Academy, at Barre, Vt., completing his academic education by graduation from the former. Subsequently he was graduated from Dartmouth College, at Hanover, N. H., with the class of 1863, winning the degree of Bachelor of Arts. His education was acquired entirely without pecuniary assistance, and while pursuing the higher branches he taught in the public schools.

The elemental strength of his character, thus manifest, proved the basis of his success in later years, and led to his prominence in educational circles. He first taught at the age of eighteen year, having charge of a country school at East Montpelier, Vt., "boarding around" among the pupils. He afterward engaged in teaching at Hyannis, Mass., later taught in the high school of South Weymouth, and was principal there for a year; after which he came to the

Middle West and taught in the high school at Elmwood, Ill., where he was principal of the public schools for three years, and in 1869 he removed to Nebraska, locating on a farm. He bought land in Johnson county with college scrip, this land costing him less than one hundred dollars for a quarter section, but it is now worth five thousand dollars.

He did not long devote his energies to farming, however, but resumed his educational labors at Tecumseh, Nebr., where he taught at an early day for two years. In 1872 he came to Burlington, and was principal of the North Hill school in 1872-73. The following year he became principal of the West Madison school and remained in charge there until 1901. In 1898 he sustained injuries which gradually brought on invalid conditions and necessitated his retirement from the field of educational labor in 1901.

For many years he had been active in the dissemination of knowledge in connection with the public-school system of the country, and had made for himself a foremost place among the teachers of this city and the Middle West. He was active in county institute work, lecturing upon the system of pedagogy and the history of the United States, and he frequently attended the meetings of the Southeastern Iowa Teachers' Association.

Professor Miller was married, July 31, 1867, in Wilbraham, Mass., to Miss Mary A. Smith, a native of Massachusetts. Her parents were Albert and Betsy (Doane) Smith, the former a representative of an old Cape Cod family. Her father was a sea captain, voyaging to the West Indies, Panama, and equatorial ports. He is now deceased, while Mrs. Smith is

living in Natick, Mass., at the age of eighty-seven years. Their son, Arthur LeRoy Smith, now at Newchwang, China, was a sea pilot for forty years. Mrs. Lyman C. Brown, a sister, is living at Natick, Mass., and Mrs. E. O. Clark resides in Springfield. The other daughter, Mary A. Smith, became the wife of Professor Miller. They became the parents of five children, of whom only two are living: Mary B., a graduate of the Burlington high and training schools, and a teacher in the West Madison school; and Edward P., a graduate of Iowa College, at Grinnell, now engaged in the hardware business in Marshalltown, Iowa. He married Edith Pence and has two sons, Paul and Pence. The daughter, residing at home, is most devoted to her father in his invalid condition, giving him every care and attention possible. Three of the children died in early life.

During the period of the Civil War, Professor Miller attempted to join the army, but was rejected on account of physical disability, and later, when drafted, was again rejected. During the later days of the rebellion, however, he was at Camp Parole, near Annapolis, in connection with the sanitary commission.

In former years Professor Miller was a member of the Ancient Order of Druids, and represented Patterson Grove, of Burlington, at the State meeting of Druids in Des Moines, when that organization was in a very flourishing condition. He was a charter member of Patterson Grove.

The family are members of the Congregational church, and in its work Mrs. Miller and her daughter take a very active and helpful part. Professor Miller, while unable to engage actively in church work, is

still deeply interested in the welfare and progress of the city in which he has made his home for almost a third of a century, and in which his labors have been so effective in advancing the intellectual and moral development.

SAMUEL JOHN R. HUSTON.

SAMUEL JOHN R. HUSTON, now extensively engaged in the raising of cattle and hogs in Yellow Springs township, was born in Fayette county, Indiana, in 1851, his parents being John and Susanna (Craig) Huston, both of whom were natives of Ireland. The father crossed the Atlantic to America in 1819, and settled in Indiana; and his wife also made the ocean voyage a few years later, and became a resident of Fayette county, Indiana. They removed to Iowa, and spent their remaining days in Des Moines county, the father's death occurring in 1898, when he had reached the venerable age of ninety years, while his wife passed away Aug. 7, 1893, at the age of eighty years. They were the parents of nine children, of whom five are yet living: Mary J., now the wife of James Henderson; Isabella, at home; Susanna, the wife of J. W. Reed; Samuel John R., of this review; and J. J., a minister of Connellsville, Union county, Pa.; Rosanna, became the wife of H. W. McConnell, and is now deceased; while three of the children died in infancy in Indiana. The parents were laid to rest in the cemetery in Yellow Springs township.

Samuel John R. Huston was reared in the usual manner of farm lads, and acquired a public-school education. He came to Iowa in 1865, settling in Yellow Springs township,

where he purchased eighty acres of land. He added to that until in the home farm were three hundred and twenty acres. Later he invested still more extensively in property, and is to-day the owner of about seven hundred acres of valuable land; while his brother owns eighty acres west of this farm, in Washington township, and also three hundred acres in Louisa county. Mr. Huston feeds about three hundred cattle and about six hundred head of hogs annually, being one of the extensive stock dealers of the county. The improvements on his farm have all been made by him, and comprise splendid buildings and well-tilled fields. He uses the latest machinery to carry on the work of the fields, and everything about his farm is kept in excellent condition, showing his careful supervision and progressive spirit. As a business man he is energetic, directing his labors so that they prove resultant factors in the acquirement of a handsome competence. He is a member of the Reformed Presbyterian church, and has a wide and favorable acquaintance in the county, which has been his home for forty years.

THEODORE W. BARHYDT.

NONE of the American colonies had a sturdier foundation in all the qualities that make for the upbuilding of a State than that contributed by the Knickerbockers of New Amsterdam. They came of a heroic race, and when they migrated to America they brought with them their habits of industry, thrift, moral integrity, love of country, and devotion to religious principles.

Among the early settlers of New York

were the ancestors of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Wells Barhydt, of Burlington,—Jerominus Hanse Barheit (the colonial spelling of the name) and his brother Andreas were from Holland. They were farmers, and settled in "Ye Great Flatt near Coxsaxie," on the west bank of the Hudson River, some time previous to 1665. There they builded their pioneer home, and toiled and prospered, and their descendants spread over the surrounding country and up the Hudson into Albany, Schenectady, and contiguous counties. The genealogy of the Burlington descendants is as follows: Jerominus Hanse Barheit, 1665; Johannes, married 1701; Hieronimus, married 1737; Johannes, married 1761; Jerominus, married Jan. 4, 1789; Nicholas, born June 13, 1813; Theodore Wells Barhydt, born April 10, 1835.

Mr. T. W. Barhydt's grandfather, Jerominus, was born near Schenectady in 1763. He was a farmer, and a member of the Dutch Reformed church. He served in the War of the Revolution, as did also his brothers and many relatives. The Knickerbockers, it is to be noted as a matter of history, were zealous patriots, and espoused the cause of liberty with great zeal and unflinching constancy. There were no Tories among them. Jacobus, a brother, was given a commission in the army by General Gates for gallant services at Bemis Heights in the battle of Saratoga, when General Burgoyne was defeated and surrendered. After the war Jacobus returned to his home. Jerominus also served as quartermaster in the War of 1812.

Jerominus was married in January, 1789, to Cornelia Becker, who was born in 1769 in Schoharie county, then on the



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borders of the settlements. She was a daughter of Garrett Becker and Annatje Van Dyke, whom he married Dec. 29, 1737. When she was a little girl, her father, Garrett Becker, owned the middle stockade in the town of Schoharie, built for the defense of the settlers from attacks by the French and Indians. Cornelia helped the women and children in the defense, molding bullets and doing whatever was in their power in such exigencies. After their marriage they settled on a farm near Schenectady. The Van Dykes served in the Revolutionary War. Her uncle, Cornelius Van Dyke, was a lieutenant-colonel in First Regiment, New York Volunteers. The first ancestor of the Becker family was Jan Jeurianszen Becker, who emigrated after marriage from Amsterdam, Holland, in 1652, and settled in New Amsterdam. He was a petty officer with General Stuyvesant. He was a man of public activities. He was a "voorleser" (reader) in the old Dutch Reformed church, which was the parent organization of the present Collegiate Reformed church on the corner of Fifth Avenue and Twenty-ninth Street, New York. The first building was located within the old Dutch fort, at the foot of the island, and was founded in 1632. The present society has extensive properties, probably ranking in wealth next to Trinity. President Roosevelt is a member of this church. Mr. Becker was also the Dutch official schoolmaster, a notary, etc. Later in life he removed to Beaverwyck (Albany) where he died. He left many descendants; one of his sons, Johannes (an ancestor of T. W. Barhydt) removed from Albany to Schoharie county, and held various civil offices.

Nicholas, son of Jerominus, was the youngest of a family of thirteen children. He was born near Schenectady in June, 1813, received a common-school education, and learned the shoe business. In politics he was a Whig. He was raised in the tenets of the Dutch Reformed church, but after marriage he united with the Presbyterian church, of which his wife was a member. In May, 1834, Nicholas was married in Newark, N. J., to Miss Phoebe Headley Gardner, who descended from an old Knickerbocker family in that city. Her father was Aaron A. Gardner, shoe manufacturer. Nicholas had gone to Newark to learn the business, and fell in love with the daughter of his employer. After the birth of their first child, Theodore, they removed to Schenectady. Nicholas died April 4, 1851, and his wife April 27, 1842.

Theodore Wells Barhydt was born April 10, 1835, in Newark, New Jersey, and was educated in Schenectady, where he was married to Miss Eleanor C. Christianity, a native of that city. She is a daughter of Isaac C. Christianity, who was born near Schenectady. The first settler of her father's family was Christiaan Christiaanse, in 1671, who became a property owner in Schenectady. Her mother was Miss Maria-Vedder. The Vedder ancestry is traceable to Herman Albertse Vedder, who was a trader in Beaverwyck before the year 1657, and who married in 1672. He removed to Schenectady, and in 1673 was appointed one of the three magistrates. Both families were of the Holland stock, with numerous descendants scattered through that section of the State. Mrs. Barhydt, is a member of the Society of the Daughters of the Revolu-

tion, and eligible as a Colonial Dame. The family has heirlooms which they cherish as mementoes of the past, among them a Bible brought from Holland long before the War of the Revolution, by the Rev. W. Van Dyke, who used it in his pulpit, both in Holland and in Schoharie county, New York. The Rev. Van Dyke was one of Mr. Barhydt's distant forefathers.

Mr. and Mrs. Barhydt arrived in Burlington March 24, 1855, and he began clerking in C. H. Sweetser's shoe store in the Barret House block, the present site of the Tama building. Mr. Barhydt cast his first vote for James Buchanan for president. In 1857 Mr. James Tizzard was appointed postmaster, and he selected young Barhydt for one of his clerks. In June, 1859, Mr. Barhydt engaged in the shoe business, for which his experience had qualified him. The postmaster was associated with him, under the firm name of Tizzard & Barhydt. They opened a store in the Parsons block. In the spring of 1860 Mr. Barhydt bought Mr. Tizzard's interest, and rented a store-room in the Luke Palmer block, on the present site of the German-American Savings Bank. At that time the Burlington *Hawk-Eye* was published on the third floor, and when it was removed, Mr. Barhydt occupied the three floors, and engaged in a combined retail and jobbing trade. In 1861 he removed the jobbing department to the Isaac Kaiser building, next to Jno. H. Gear & Co.'s wholesale grocery house. In 1870 he removed to larger quarters in a building on the east side of Main street, south of his present property, the Delano Hotel. Later he bought the J. S. Kimball & Co. property on the southwest corner

of Main and Jefferson Streets, and occupied the corner first floor for his retail trade and the upper floors and the adjoining building south for the wholesale trade. Later, Mr. Barhydt retired from the jobbing trade, but retains an interest with Mr. A. H. Brown in the retail trade.

Early in his business career he developed a predilection and marked capacity for banking, practically beginning operations in that line in 1860, when he began buying and selling gold, silver, gold-dust, and uncurrent money, then popularly known as "stump-tail." Miners and traders from Idaho, Montana, and Colorado brought gold-dust, whose intrinsic value must be determined by expert tests, as did also many dealers and traders in farm produce, live-stock, and general merchandise, who were anxious to dispose of uncurrent money whose changing values involved risk in holding. Mr. Barhydt studied the situation carefully, and by business connections with leading Chicago and eastern bankers, was enabled to handle the perilous business with skill and success.

In 1870 Mr. Barhydt helped to organize the Merchants National Bank, and was president from 1870 to 1904, when he claimed the well-earned right to retire from active business pursuits and devote his remaining years to leisurely travel, social enjoyments, and the conservation of his extensive business and financial interests in Burlington, Chicago, New York, Boston, Los Angeles, and elsewhere. His long incumbency of the presidency of the bank, covering a period of nearly thirty-four years, gave him the distinction of dean of Iowa bankers.

Mr. Barhydt was alderman in 1860-70,

and president of the board of trade in 1871, and has been identified with numerous local enterprises, among which are the building of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Minnesota Railroad, and the Burlington & Southwestern Railroad, in both of which he was a director; and the Burlington & Northwestern and Burlington & Western Railroads, of which roads he was director and president for many years. He was one of the originators and director and treasurer of the first street railway, and of the original water works company. Mr. Barhydt is a member of the famous Holland Society, New York, of which President Roosevelt is an honored member. He is also a member of the Sons of the Revolution, and he has been a delegate a number of times to the National Society. He is a member of the Transportation Club, of New York, a Mason, a Knight Templar, and belongs to the various social clubs of Burlington.

Probably few, if any, of our citizens have more closely identified themselves with the various local interests, and been more of a helping factor in the upbuilding of Burlington, than has Mr. Barhydt.

ROBERT MOIR.

As illustrating the hardy character and many virtues possessed by those men of Scottish race who have elected to pursue careers of usefulness in the New World, the life of Robert Moir, now deceased, is worthy of the profoundest and most careful study. Mr. Moir was born at Forres, Scotland, Oct. 30, 1824, and the date of his coming to America was 1842. He

first located in New York City, where he met Miss Mary Nicol, who afterward became his wife, and where he remained for a period of seven years. In that city he was associated with his three brothers in the dairy business, but in 1847 one of their number, Alexander Moir, visited the West, and located at Oquawka, Ill., it then being freely predicted that the little river town was to become the metropolis of the West. There he entered the business life of the place as a lumber merchant, being for several years associated with Mr. S. S. Phelps. In 1844 James Moir, another brother, coming to St. Louis on business, was attracted by the possibilities of the rapidly growing town, and settled there, becoming the partner of James Culver in a general merchandise business.

In 1849 our subject, with his brother William E., also came west to Oquawka, and William and James then formed a partnership with David E. Roberts, to conduct a distilling business under the firm style of W. & J. Moir & Company; but upon the retirement of Mr. Roberts, in 1851, they extended their operations to banking, in connection with lumber, general merchandise, logging, and milling. In 1856 William Moir died, followed by his brother James in 1863, and the firm was reorganized by Robert Moir under the name of Robert Moir & Company, he taking into partnership his nephew, James Peterson, and his brother-in-law, John C. Nicol. Mr. Nicol retired from the enterprise in 1872, and Mr. Patterson in 1875, and Mr. Moir then associated with him his son, John, using the style of Robert Moir & Son. This partnership was terminated, however, by the sad cir-

cumstance of his son's death in 1876, but the business was continued under the same name. The banking firm of Robert Moir & Company, originally consisting of four brothers, William, James, Alexander, and Robert, all natives of Scotland, and all men of great executive ability, was one of the oldest in northwestern Illinois, and was very widely known. The business embraced a vast territory in surrounding counties and States, and included the control of a large amount of railway and banking stock in Chicago and other large cities. Mr. Moir was also well known in this city, being, indeed, one of the most prominent figures in the financial circles of the Middle West.

Shortly after coming West Mr. Moir returned to New York, and in that city, on May 25, 1849, was united in marriage to Miss Mary Nicol, a native of the Empire State, the date of her birth being Sept. 16, 1826. They then returned to Oquawka, to take up their life together among the pioneer conditions of the new Western country, where they were to pass the greater part of their long and useful careers, and to win the respect and warm regard of all. In the early '60's Mr. Moir built there the store and residence which he made the home of himself and his family for so many years, only giving it up on his removal to Burlington. This edifice was of the old-fashioned type, built of brick and stone, extremely massive in structure, and entirely without useless ornament, calculated to withstand the tooth of time and the ravages of the elements—typical, so to speak, of the determined, enduring, and noble character of the man who built it. To Mr. and Mrs. Moir were born several children, as fol-

lows: Robert, Martha, James, and Alexander Moir; Mrs. Ida Tracy, of Burlington; and Mrs. Mary King, of Peoria, Ill.; John and William are dead.

For many years the bank at Oquawka was conducted as a private institution, but when Mr. Moir, feeling the increasing weight of declining years, decided to retire from active life, and removed to Burlington a short time before his death, his sons and others associated with them, organized it into the First National Bank of Oquawka, with a capital stock of \$50,000. Those interested in this consummation were H. F. McAlister, Robert Hudson, Robert Moir, Jr., James Moir, Alexander Moir, and H. B. Safford.

Mrs. Robert Moir died at Oquawka, Sunday morning, Sept. 8, 1901, and the funeral and interment were at that place on Sept. 12, eleven o'clock in the forenoon. She was an earnest member and worker in the Baptist church, and her character knew no limits of charity, kindness, and human sympathy for all about her, of whatever condition in life. Robert Moir did not long survive the death of his wife, his own demise occurring at half-past five o'clock on Dec. 19, 1901, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. George S. Tracy, 512 North Seventh Street, Burlington, Iowa. A special train conveyed the deceased and a large number of friends to Oquawka, Ill., where, December 20, an impressive funeral service was held in his old home, attended by many distinguished men from surrounding cities, whose esteem he had won by his strength and purity of purpose.

As a pioneer of western Illinois, he did much toward the upbuilding and advancement of that section, inseparably con-

necting his name for all time with the story of its progress from primitive conditions to the high prosperity which it now enjoys. He was a successful banker and merchant, by strict and conscientious attention to his affairs acquiring a very considerable fortune. Yet he ever preserved the profoundest sense of honor among all the complex relations of business, keeping his reputation without a blemish or a stain, and as the crowning glory of his life he transmitted to the sons, who are continuing his work, that determination and loftiness of character which have been so long associated with his name.

ALBERT B. HAWKINS.

ALBERT B. HAWKINS, for many years well known in the progressive business circles of Burlington, and secretary of the Merchants' Life Assurance Company since its organization, was born in Stafford, Monroe county, Ohio, Oct. 15, 1851, the son of Reuben and Jane A. (Ziegler) Hawkins. Both parents were descended from families of southern Pennsylvania, who resided in either York or Lancaster county, and the early members of the Hawkins family were represented in the nation's war for independence. The father, who was a merchant, removed with the family to Kansas in 1864, settling at Ottawa, where his death occurred in October, 1892, and that of his wife in 1878.

Mr. Hawkins received only limited educational advantages, but in his desire for self-improvement left the work of the farm in Kansas in the year 1869 for a period of

nine months, and attended school. His first business experience was in his brother's hat store at Burlington, Iowa, and later he entered the postoffice at that place as mailing clerk for one year. At the end of that time he became a traveling salesman, selling hats and caps for the firm of Phillips & Hawkins, in whose employ he continued in that capacity for ten years, achieving a very considerable success. On severing this connection he engaged in an independent enterprise in Kansas City for a year and a half, after which he went to Texas, where with a brother, S. S. Hawkins, he operated a cattle ranch comprising four thousand to five thousand cattle. Being located two hundred miles west of Fort Worth, which was the nearest railroad station, he was of course practically out of touch with civilization, though not exposed to the dangers attending frontier life at an earlier day. In 1884, however, while with three others in New Mexico seeking a location for a ranch, he was able to assist a number of unprotected settlers who were in great peril from Geronimo's raiders, escorting them from their lonely ranches to the settlements, and thus saving them from the death which the savages inflicted upon so many others. Mr. Hawkins continued in the cattle business for seven years, but at the end of that period traveled extensively. In 1893 he was in Honduras, and also visited Balize, Porto Cortez, and San Pedro, reaching the latter place by way of the Honduranian railroad, the country along which is especially interesting by reason of the utterly primitive conditions which are constantly in evidence. The trip to Central America was seven weeks in duration, and during this time he witnessed an attempted revolution

of the conventional Spanish-American type. Mr. Hawkins has always exhibited a fondness for the sport of hunting, to which he devoted a great deal of time in Texas and New Mexico, while he has also visited in Canada on two occasions for the same purpose. In 1898 he, with four companions, went to Alaska, taking part in the famous rush of prospectors from Seattle to Skagway. Leaving the former city May 1, and traveling over the White Pass to Lake Bennett, they there built a boat, and then rowed down the Yukon River to Dawson, a distance of six hundred miles, and there took a river boat, on August 16, to St. Michael's. Thence they secured ship passage to Victoria, British Columbia, where they took a steamer for Seattle, and arrived in Burlington Sept. 17. Some prospecting was done, around Dawson, but sight-seeing was the main object of the expedition.

During four years of his residence in Burlington, Mr. Hawkins conducted a retail hat store; but seeing greater opportunities in another field, he sold the business and became one of the organizers of the Merchants' Life Association, which was incorporated in 1894. The original officers were A. H. Kuhlemeier, president; Albert B. Hawkins, secretary; W. G. Mercer, treasurer; John H. Gillespie, vice-president; John J. Seerley, legal adviser. Our subject has occupied the office of secretary since the inception of the institution, and by his aggressive enterprising policy, combined with executive ability and conservative judgment of a very high order, has contributed in a most important degree to the phenomenal success which it has achieved and still enjoys in an increasing measure. Having its beginning but a few years ago, when it existed merely as a

well-formed plan supported by the energy and capital of a few exceptionally gifted men, the company has in a marvelously brief space of time risen to high rank among institutions of this character, and to-day affords protection for six thousand to seven thousand policy holders, for whom it carries aggregate risks of from \$12,000,000 to \$13,000,000, a condition of prosperity which reflects the most unqualified credit upon its sponsors. To its success our subject has devoted the most earnest and conscientious thought and endeavor, and the result has most amply justified the soundness of the plan of which he was the principal formulator. Among other interests, he is also proprietor of a mercantile establishment at Malvern, Iowa, which he has owned for twenty years.

In 1878, at Malvern, Iowa, Mr. Hawkins was united in marriage to Miss Helen W. Bohner, who was born at Galveston, Texas, a daughter of Hibbert Bohner, a native of Nova Scotia. Mr. Bohner was for thirty-eight years a captain in the merchant marine, but died on Dec. 25, 1904, in the ninetieth year of his age. The mother of Mrs. Hawkins, Louise (Moir) Bohner, was born in the Isle of Wight, England, and died at an advanced age in 1901. To Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins have been born one daughter and two sons: Edith Louise, a graduate of Burlington High School; Kenneth B., now a student in Harvard College; and Maxwell A. Mrs. and Miss Hawkins are members of the Episcopal church, with the various phases of whose work they are prominently identified, and to whose support our subject is a contributor. Mr. Hawkins has never sought public honors, but his interest in affairs of government is based on careful

consideration, and he has uniformly acted with the Republican party. He is active in the social life of the city as a member of the Burlington Boating Association and the Crystal Lake Club, of which latter he is a charter member, and enjoys a wide acquaintance. A man modest in the estimate of his own merits and abilities, it may be said that the variety of enterprises in which he has achieved success bespeak a versatility and a strength and determination of character that are indeed rare, especially in the light of the fact that he began life without resources, and has been in the best sense the architect of his own fortunes.

JAMES H. JACOBY.

THE prosperity of Burlington rests principally on its activities along lines of productive industry, and an excellent representative of the manufacturing interests is James H. Jacoby, long successful as a manufacturer of trunks on a large scale. Mr. Jacoby was born in Burlington, April 8, 1854, a member of an old family which first appears in the State of Pennsylvania, near Johnstown, and the son of Alexander and Mary (Buhrmaster) Jacoby. The grandfather of our subject, Peter Jacoby, and his wife, came from Pennsylvania to Iowa, and located at Burlington in 1846; and although originally a cabinet-maker, he became, on his removal to Burlington, a pattern-maker in a foundry. He was one of a large family, comprising eight brothers and two sisters, all of whom are now deceased, his own demise occurring when he was about sixty-eight years of age, while his wife survived him, and died at the age of

seventy years. Mr. Jacoby's father was a foreman in the O. H. Schenk pork-packing house, in which he was employed for thirty-three years, or until the closing of the establishment through the failure of the firm, after which he went to Albuquerque, N. Mex., where he entered the service of the Santa Fé Railroad Company. In the latter employment he continued until his death in 1901. The maternal grandparents of Mr. Jacoby, Henry Buhrmaster and wife, were among the early settlers of this portion of the State. They first located on a farm in the northern part of Des Moines county, whence they later removed to Burlington, and resided on North Hill for the remainder of their lives. They reared a large family, nearly all of whom are now in business in Burlington. Mr. Jacoby is himself one of a family of six, as follows: John, James H., Denise, Schenk, and Dixon, the latter having died at the age of ten years.

In the common schools of his native city James H. Jacoby received his early education, and at the age of seventeen years he began the work of his life by accepting employment with Samuel R. Barger, trunk-maker, under whom he learned the trade, and continued to work for thirteen years. He then formed a partnership with Mr. Barger's foreman, W. L. Adams, with whom he established an independent manufacturing business, and after a period of thirteen years of successful operation, purchased Mr. Barger's factory and business. Three years later, on the death of his partner, Mr. Jacoby purchased his interest, and the enterprise has since been conducted under the name of J. H. Jacoby. The factory is the only one of the kind in southeastern Iowa, and is a large establish-

ment, occupying four floors, and carrying an immense stock.

On Sept. 9, 1880, Mr. Jacoby was united in marriage to Miss Emma Held, of Burlington, daughter of John and Louise Held, natives of Germany. John Held came to America about 1840, and for a long term of years acted as traveling salesman, becoming well known to the people of Burlington and neighboring cities. To Mr. and Mrs. Jacoby have been born four children, as follows: Edwin, who is a stenographer in the office of Mr. Bartlett, master mechanic of the Kansas City Line of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad; Anna, who is at home; and Roland and James, students in the Burlington high school. Politically, our subject has been a life-long Democrat, although not active in partisan work. His fraternal relations are quite extensive, and in this field of activity he has ever taken a practical and vital interest. He is a member of the local Woodmen of the World, and is at present one of its managers, while he has always been most prominent in its affairs. He was the first member initiated after the organization of the camp, although he assisted in the organization. He has served the camp three times as delegate to the head camp, and is the president of the Woodmen of the World Building Association, of which he was one of the influential organizers. In the organization of the Fraternal Choppers at this place he was also one of the prime movers, and was a member of its board of directors from that time until its merging with the Mystic Toilers, on whose directorate he is now serving. His part in the fraternal affairs of Burlington has been a notable one, and one for which he merits all praise, while he has added to the well-being of the

city by his success in building up and maintaining the important business which bears his name, and by the purity and uprightness of his course in all the varied relations of life, has won the respect and regard of all, being well known in Burlington and throughout a large contiguous territory, and enjoying an extensive circle of friends.

JOHN JAMES ROBB.

JOHN JAMES ROBB owns and operates one hundred and seventeen acres of land in Sections 7 and 8, Yellow Springs township, and is successfully engaged in the breeding of Shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs, in which regard he has gained more than a local reputation as a stock-dealer.

A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in Washington county, Dec. 6, 1864, his parents being R. G. and Mary (McLaughlin) Robb. When the son, John J., was six years of age, the parents removed from Pennsylvania to Lafayette county, Indiana, where he had the privilege of attending school for three years. They then started westward, establishing their home in Des Moines county, Iowa, and here he completed his education in the district schools and by study through a winter's term in the academy at Morning Sun. He was reared to farm life, and has always followed that occupation, early gaining a knowledge of the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the stock. Ambitious to acquire a farm of his own, he saved his earnings in earlier years, and in 1888 he purchased

one hundred and seventeen acres of land in Sections 7 and 8, Yellow Springs township. He has placed much of this under cultivation, and the soil being rich the farm returns good harvests for the care and labor he has bestowed upon it. Most of the improvements are the work of his hands, and he now has good buildings upon his place.

He is perhaps better known, however, as a dealer in stock than a raiser of grain, and is a successful breeder of Shorthorn cattle, having now upon his place about thirteen head of thoroughbred cattle. He also has seventy-five head of Poland China hogs, and is an excellent judge of stock, so that he is enabled to make judicious purchases and profitable sales. His opinions are largely regarded as authority concerning all stock-raising interests in this county. His land is all under cultivation, every acre of it being tillable, and he has tiled the place, and put everything about his farm in good shape.

Jan. 3, 1889, Mr. Robb was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Reed, a daughter of Matthew and Mary (Walkinshaw) Reed, who was born Jan. 24, 1864, in Yellow Springs township. Their marriage has been blessed with one daughter, Edna, whose birth occurred March 2, 1894. The parents are members of the Reformed Presbyterian church, and are interested in its work and in all progressive measures tending to benefit the county. Mr. Robb, however, concentrates his labors and energies upon his business pursuits, and his persistency of purpose and well-directed efforts have brought to him gratifying success, so that he is now one of the substantial agriculturists of his community.

JOHN HAFNER.

JOHN HAFNER, of Burlington, president of the Keehn-Hafner Manufacturing Company, and known throughout the business circles of the city as an exponent of modern and progressive ideas, was born Nov. 7, 1866, in South Germany, the son of George and Johanna (Schmidt) Hafner. The earlier members of the family were farmers, and served as soldiers in the numerous wars of the country; but the grandfather of our subject was a merchant, while the father was a soldier, and immediately after completing his military service, emigrated to America, going first to Ohio, in 1867. Thence he came West and located at Burlington, where for several years he was assistant city engineer. His death occurred approximately twenty years ago, but the wife and mother is still living.

Mr. Hafner received his education in St. John's parochial school, and while attending this institution he spent the hours not devoted to study in learning the binder's trade. Later he went to Chicago for the same purpose, continuing there for two years as a workman in a high-class bindery. He then returned to Burlington, and established a confectionery business on South Hill, which he conducted with very gratifying success for five years. With the capital thus secured he organized the Keehn-Hafner Manufacturing Company, printers, binders, blank-book makers, and manufacturing stationers, this being in 1897, since which time Mr. Hafner has devoted his time and effort exclusively to the work of the company.

On April 27, 1898, Mr. Hafner was united in marriage to Miss Anna Kuepper, daughter of Frank Kuepper, an early

settler of Des Moines county, and to them have been born two children, Frances and Carl. The family are all members of St. John's Catholic church. Mr. Hafner has never borne an active part in affairs of practical politics, but gives his support consistently to the Democratic party, in whose principles and mission he holds a profound faith. Fraternally, he has membership connections with the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Knights of Columbus. As one who has formed his own fortune without outside aid and exclusively by his personal efforts, he is entitled to high commendation, for he has achieved a very generous measure of success, and is rapidly bringing the business under his charge to a leading position in this portion of Iowa. Fairness, promptness, and courtesy are the watchwords of his business system, and the practical virtues which these represent are given vital force by the energy, determination, and aggressiveness of his character, combined with his sane and sound judgment and appreciation of business opportunity. He has many friends, and enjoys the esteem and universal regard of all who know him.

SIMEON BEARDSLEY.

As an able representative of the younger business and professional element, and a member of one of the most distinguished families of Des Moines county, Simeon Beardsley is intimately identified with the vital interests of this section, where his influence has ever been exerted on the side of true progress. Mr. Beardsley was born at Burlington, Iowa,

Aug. 23, 1872, a son of Dr. Charles and Eliza McCloud (Pool) Beardsley, and his father was a native of the Buckeye State, having been born and reared on a farm near Columbus, Ohio. The father of our subject, after receiving his preliminary education in the public schools, attended college for the purpose of pursuing a course of study in medicine, and on receiving his degree began practice in Oskaloosa, Iowa, having decided that the West offered superior opportunities for advancement. Later he entered the newspaper field, becoming the publisher of the *Oskaloosa Herald*, and in this new venture he displayed decided talent, and met with very gratifying success. At the close of the Civil War he removed to Burlington to accept an editorial position with the *Hawk-Eye*, and here the highly individual quality of his work brought him enthusiastic recognition on the part of the public throughout Iowa and surrounding States. His daily contributions to the editorial columns were eagerly awaited and widely discussed. He gave much time and thought to matters of politics, and through his writings exercised a marked influence upon the public affairs of the State, while his careful and forceful editorials were a potent factor in shaping the sentiment of the entire Middle West with regard to national issues and questions of governmental policy. In recognition of his services, he was appointed, in 1879, fourth auditor of the treasury department, and removed with his family to the city of Washington, D. C., where he continued to reside for a period of six years. Upon returning to Burlington he resumed his active interest in Iowa politics, and for a number of years served

as chairman of the Republican State central committee. Previously Des Moines county had chosen him as her representative in the State Senate of Iowa, and during his senatorial term, besides influencing needed legislation in the interest of his constituency, he acquired a variety of experience in statecraft which rendered his services peculiarly valuable as State chairman of his party's committee; and it may be said with truth that to him was due in large measure the continued supremacy of the Republican party in Iowa. After serving a term as oil inspector, by appointment of Governor Larrabee, he retired, devoting his remaining years to literature and the work of the church, he being a prominent member of the Congregational church, of Burlington, and serving for a number of years as superintendent of its Sunday-school. His death occurred in December, 1896, in the sixty-sixth year of his age, the date of his birth having been 1830. He was rich in the friendship and esteem of many of the leading men of his time, and the regret for his passing was universal.

Mrs. Charles Beardsley, mother of Simeon Beardsley, was, like her husband, born and reared on an Ohio farm. After attaining to years of womanhood she came to Iowa, locating at Oskaloosa, and it was while singing in the choir of a church at that place that she learned the identity of the tall and handsome young man in the audience who afterward became her husband. She is now residing on a farm near Clarks, Nebr. All her children are living, except one, a daughter, May, who died in infancy; Florence was married in 1890 to Edward M. Nealley, of Burlington, a well-known student

of sociology, and resides with her husband near Santa Ana, Cal.; Charles, a graduate of Harvard, for some years an instructor of economics in his *alma mater*, and now living with his mother; George, at one time instructor in English literature at the Indiana State University at Bloomington, also makes his home with his mother at the present time; Simeon, fourth child of Dr. and Mrs. Beardsley, and the subject of this review; John, a graduate of the State University of Iowa, and while in attendance at that institution, met Miss Anna Wyman, whom he subsequently married, and with their two small sons now resides at Upland, Cal.

Mr. Beardsley, whose name forms the caption of the present article, was united in marriage on Thanksgiving day, 1904, to Mrs. Catherine (Dailey) Seward, of Burlington, and they have a pleasant home at Danville. Mr. Beardsley has been for some years the editor and publisher of the *Danville News*, which he purchased in January, 1898, from the firm of M. A. Kirkpatrick & Son. Since that date, with the exception of two brief periods during which the business was leased, first in 1903, to Mr. W. C. Moore, and in 1904 to Mr. Roy Speelman, he has conducted the enterprise with the aim of issuing a presentable country weekly.

SAMUEL ELDER EDGAR.

SAMUEL ELDER EDGAR, well known as a leading stock-raiser of Yellow Springs township, making a specialty of the breeding of pure-blooded Angus cattle, was born Jan. 22, 1863, in the town-

ship where he still resides, his parents being David and Martha (McIlhinney) Edgar.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for him in his youth. He was educated in the district schools of Des Moines and Henry counties, therein mastering the common branches of English learning. During the summer months he worked in the fields, taking his place behind the plow at an early age.

He has always followed farming, with the exception of about ten years, when he took contracts for digging ditches, making many such waterways in Yellow Springs and Washington townships. In later years, however, his attention has been more closely confined to his farming operations, and he has met with gratifying success in this way.

In 1901 he purchased from R. Huston the farm of one hundred and fifty and a half acres, in Yellow Springs township, on which he is now living. He devotes his time and energies to the further cultivation of the fields, and to the raising of stock. In the latter branch of his business he is particularly successful, and is now raising pure-bred Angus cattle, having a herd of about fifty head. He also raises about seventy head of Poland China hogs.

Dec. 9, 1886, our subject married Miss Ella J. Wilson, a daughter of Sampson and Ellen (Reynolds) Wilson. Mrs. Edgar was born at Newburg-on-the-Hudson, N. Y., Nov. 3, 1863, and in 1867 was brought by her parents to this county, the family home being established in Washington township. The father continued to carry on farming for many

years, and died July 26, 1899, at the age of eighty years, his birth having occurred Feb. 5, 1819. His remains were interred in the Sharon churchyard. His widow still survives him, and is now living in Morning Sun.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar has been blessed with two sons: Lloyd McIlhinney, born March 9, 1894; and Edgar Wilson, born Aug. 31, 1900.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar hold membership in the Reformed Presbyterian church, and have a wide circle of friends in this county, where Mr. Edgar has spent his entire life, and where his wife has lived from her early girlhood days.

JOHN P. SWYGARD.

JOHN P. SWYGARD, one of the prosperous merchants of Mediapolis, and who has held several of this city's offices of trust with credit and favor, is a native of Iowa, having been born in Louisa county, May 13, 1862. His parents were honest and industrious farmers of the county in which our subject was born, and being farmers of only moderate means they could give their son but a common-school education for a limited time, as they needed his help on the farm as soon as he was old enough to plow and feed the stock. John remained with his father on the farm till he was a man of twenty-one years, when he went to Mediapolis and began to learn the harness-making business. He worked at this trade for about two years with John Laubscher, and then accepted a position in the general store of Parrett & Fulmer, which firm was



JOHN P. SWYGARD, WIFE, AND DAUGHTER.

known later as that of C. H. Parrett. Here he remained for ten years, becoming well acquainted with all departments of the store, making a record as a No. 1 salesman, and winning the good-will of hundreds of the daily customers of this great store.

In 1894 Mr. Swygard bought out the interest of Mr. Morehead in the grocery located in the Tuttle building, known as the grocery of J. D. Clement & Company. At the end of four years Mr. Swygard bought out Mr. Clement, and formed a partnership with his brother, James Edward. They conducted a good grocery together with much profit and success till March 1, 1904, when Oscar Henry Walker became a member of the firm; and in connection with their large grocery they added a new department which was filled with gents' furnishing goods, carrying about \$20,000 worth of stock. Their business grew right along, their trade extending over a large part of this section of the county. In September, 1904, they again enlarged their place of business, and changed it to a general store, carrying only first-class goods, and it is known everywhere as one of reliability. It is one of the largest stores in Mediapolis, and one of which both proprietors and citizens are justly proud.

Fraternally, Mr. Swygard is an honored member of Garner Lodge, No. 379, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has held all the high offices; also a member of Lodge No. 226, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He is a strong Republican, and has served his party as town councilman and as a member of the school board. He is now serving as treasurer of the cemetery association.

The marriage of Mr. Swygard, which occurred Jan. 4, 1888, united him with Miss Lillie Jenora Cassing. She is the daughter of John Henry and Sarah Ellen (Cook) Cassing. By this union three children have been born: Jessie Elma; Frederick Stanley, who died Dec. 12, 1896, aged five years; and Chalmer Allison, whose death occurred Dec. 20, 1897, at the age of two years.

In religious faith Mr. and Mrs. Swygard are members of the Methodist church, where they attend regularly, and where he has been an honored trustee for several years.

In summing up the record of Mr. Swygard, we find that he has always been a man of honest, upright principles and great activity, one who has always been true to his friends and ever loyal in the discharge of both private and public duties. His fortune has been built upon strong moral principles and unswerving integrity, and it is for these qualities that he is honored among his fellow-men.

PAUL H. SCHAEFER, M. D.

Dr. PAUL H. SCHAEFER, who is engaged in the general practice of medicine, surgery, microscopy, and electro-therapeutics, and who though a member of the profession for only three years, has already gained a patronage which many an older physician might well envy, was born in Burlington, July 19, 1879. His father, William Schaefer, is a native of Germany, and came to the United States when about twelve years of age, since which time he has been a resident of this city. He learned the

hardware business in early life, and later was associated with William Erb, under the firm name of Erb & Schaefer, in the conduct of a hardware store on Main Street. He possesses the musical talent so characteristic of his nationality, has engaged in teaching music to some extent, and for a number of years was a member of Fischer's Band, playing the French horn. For the past ten years he has been connected with the music house of General James A. Guest, being at the head of the tuning and finishing department, a position for which he is splendidly qualified. He married Augusta Krekel, who was born in Louisiana, of German parentage, their wedding being celebrated in Burlington. They became the parents of three children: Paul H.; William, who is employed in the piano factory of James A. Guest; and Minnie, the wife of Frank Foehlinger, a photographer of Burlington. Mr. Schaefer is a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge, and both he and his wife are connected with the Rebekah Chapter. He is well known and influential in German-American circles, and in the business and musical world. He and his family are members of the Lutheran church.

At the usual age Dr. Schaefer entered the public schools, and advanced through successive grades until he had completed the high-school course by graduation with the class of 1898. Wishing to engage in the practice of medicine as a life work, he matriculated in the medical department of the State University, at Iowa City, and later continued his studies in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at Chicago, being graduated with the class of 1902. He afterward received a hospital appointment in the Brainard polyclinic at Chicago, and subsequently came direct to Burlington,

where he opened an office in October, 1902. He has practiced here continuously since, with a constantly growing patronage, and has already attained creditable and gratifying success. He engages in the general practice of medicine, surgery, microscopy, and electro-therapeutics, and has a fine microscope and also an X-ray machine. He is examining physician for the Merchants' Life Association, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Woodmen of the World, the Degree of Honor, the Woodmen's Circle, and the Modern National Reserve, and is now county physician.

Dr. Schaefer belongs to various fraternal organizations, including Malta Lodge, No. 318, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Des Moines Chapter, No. 1, Royal Arch Masons; the Woodmen of the World, Ancient Order of United Workmen, and the Modern National Reserve, while in the line of his profession he is connected with the Des Moines County Medical Society. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party, is active in its work, and during the last two campaigns served as ward comitteeman of the west precinct of the seventh ward. He belongs to Bethany Lutheran church, and is esteemed for the qualities of an upright manhood as well as for his professional skill, which has already won for him notable success, and will lead to still greater advancement in the future.

JOHN H. BRANDT.

A WELL-KNOWN citizen and resident of Augusta, Des Moines county, Iowa, is John H. Brandt, whose connection with the ma-

terial prosperity of the village is important. A native of Germany, he was born near Hanover on Dec. 14, 1837, and came to America in 1859, landing at New York, where he remained for about nine months, and whence he came to Iowa in the spring of 1860. His father died when he was but seven years of age, but his mother came to America, and her death occurred fifteen years ago at Fort Madison, Iowa.

On his removal to Iowa in 1860, Mr. Brandt located at Fort Madison, making that his place of residence until 1875, during which time he was variously employed, first as a laborer and later as guard and teamster at the State penitentiary in that city. In January, 1864, however, he enlisted for the service of his adopted country in Company C, First Iowa Cavalry, with which he went to the front to take part in the Civil War. His term of service lasted over two years, and he was finally mustered out of the army in the spring of 1866, at Austin, Texas. He participated in a number of skirmishes, and was called upon for the performance of much arduous duty. For his loyalty he now receives a pension of twelve dollars monthly.

At the close of the war Mr. Brandt returned to Fort Madison, and in 1875 removed to a farm in that county, engaging in the practical work of farming for some years. He later changed his place of residence to Denmark, Lee county, and after engaging in farming there for a number of years, he purchased property in Augusta township, Des Moines county. He bought some town lots, and now owns three and one-half blocks in the village of Augusta, also a number of houses, which he rents. In 1862 he married Miss Rose Diedrick, who was born in Ohio, and came to this State when quite young. She is now de-

ceased, her death having occurred March 7, 1902, at the age of sixty-two years, and her passing was a matter of heartfelt regret, for she was a woman of beautiful character, while her example and encouragement are missed in religious work, she having been a member of the Christian church. She was the mother of three daughters, as follows: Lydia, who is now deceased, and was the wife of John Blackman, of South Dakota; Alonzella, who is the wife of James Edwards, a teamster of Burlington, and has four children, John, Tennis, Nellie, and Margaret; and Flora, who is the wife of James Jackson, a railroad section foreman, of Burlington, and has had two children, Mona, who died at the age of twelve years, and Clare.

In his political affiliation a member of the Republican party, Mr. Brandt has ever loyally supported that organization, but has not himself asked for the honors of office. His one fraternal connection is with the Grand Army of the Republic, and in his religious relations he is identified with the Lutheran church. He has ample cause to regard with complacency his present position in the world, for when he arrived in the country his entire worldly possessions consisted of five dollars in money. From this humble beginning he has risen by his own merit, and so well has he performed his part that he now finds himself surrounded by the comforts and many of the luxuries of life.

JOSEPH KNAPP.

JOSEPH KNAPP, son of Barnhardt Knapp, was born in Baden, Germany, Sept. 11, 1850, and there began his education in the

public schools. When only a boy he became an orphan by the death of his father and mother, and at an early age began to depend upon his own efforts to advance himself in the world, to secure a livelihood and to equip himself with an education. His father and an elder brother were blacksmiths by trade, and with them he worked until his father's death and the entrance of his brother into the German army. At the age of seventeen years he decided to seek his fortune in America, and crossing the Atlantic he came to the West, and located in Burlington, Iowa. Here he completed his education, attending the public schools, and was for a time in the employ of the blacksmithing and carriage-making firm of Goerling & Buhrmaster, with whom he remained four years. He also worked in Kingston and Oskaloosa about two years, and was for a time in St. Louis, and on his return to this city re-engaged with his former employers. In 1876, however, he was able to establish a business of his own, and this he did, taking up his present location at 1424 North Eighth Street. He does here all kinds of blacksmithing, repairing, and wagon-making, and is in addition an experienced shoer of fine horses, although he does not make a specialty of this work, but accepts all that is offered. He has been very successful in his business, and has by industry, honesty, and courtesy built up a large patronage.

On Jan. 27, 1880, Mr. Knapp married Miss Emma Kruse, and to them have been born six children: Louis, Charles, Hattie, Joseph, Emma, and Clarence. Mr. Knapp was reared in the Catholic faith, but does not at the present time adhere to any religious denomination. Although a member of the Democratic party, he gives his atten-

tion principally to his business interests, and has never taken a part in politics, contenting himself with casting his vote in favor of good government.

JACOB ARNOLD.

JACOB ARNOLD, one of the early settlers of Des Moines county, and a highly respected citizen of Franklin township, residing on his farm of one hundred acres in Section 18, is a native of Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred in Luzerne county, Jan. 26, 1834. He remained in the State of his nativity until twenty-two years of age, and acquired his education in the public schools there, while upon the home farm he performed various kinds of labor, thus materially assisting his father. His parents, Abraham and Elizabeth (Schliker) Arnold, were also natives of Pennsylvania, where the father engaged in farming all his life, thus becoming a representative of agricultural interests in Luzerne county. He died Jan. 24, 1879, at the age of eighty-six years, five months, and ten days, and his wife passed away April 4, 1885, at the age of seventy-five years, seven months, and eighteen days. Their remains rest side by side in a cemetery in Luzerne county. They were both loyal and devoted members of the Methodist church, in which Mr. Arnold served for some time as steward, and his political allegiance was given to the Republican party.

Jacob Arnold is the only member of his father's family that came to Iowa. When twenty-two years of age he left the old homestead in the Keystone State, and started out on his own account. Coming to Iowa, he settled in Franklin township, Des

Moines county, where he remained for a year, and then returned to Pennsylvania, where he resided until May, 1859. At that date he took up his abode in Lawrence county, Illinois, where he was engaged in general farming until August, 1862, when he put aside business and personal considerations and offered his services to the government, enlisting as a member of Company I, One Hundred and Thirtieth Illinois Infantry, with which he served until the close of the war. He took part in many of the prominent battles, and was at the siege of Vicksburg. In April, 1864, he was captured at Mansfield, and was held as a prisoner of war until the close of hostilities, being incarcerated at Tyler, Texas. When the war was over, he was honorably discharged, being mustered out at Springfield, Ill., in June, 1865. He was often where the leaden hail fell thickest, and again was stationed on the lonely picket line; but wherever he was found, he was loyal to the cause which he had espoused.

At the close of his military service Mr. Arnold came again to Iowa, and purchased forty acres of land in Franklin township, constituting the nucleus of his present home place. He cleared the timber and made a home for himself and family, and here he has lived continuously ever since, devoting his attention to general agricultural pursuits, and to some extent following stock-raising. The years as they have passed have brought him prosperity in return for his untiring labor, and he added to his home place until he now owns one hundred acres of productive and valuable land, nearly all of which is under cultivation.

Mr. Arnold was married in March, 1856, to Miss Ellen Vandemark, a daughter of Elijah and Margaret (Bellis) Vandemark.

Her father came to this State from Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, in 1859, settling in Franklin township, where he devoted his energies to farm work. Purchasing land from time to time as his financial resources permitted, he was at his death the owner of over two hundred acres. His birth had occurred in Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, and he passed away in Franklin township, after a successful and prosperous life. His wife, also a native of Luzerne county, died in Franklin township at an advanced age, and, like her husband, was held in warm regard by all who knew her. Mrs. Arnold, likewise a native of Luzerne county, pursued her education in the schools there, and came with her parents to this State.

Unto our subject and his wife were born eleven children, and with one exception all were natives of Des Moines county: Elijah, a farmer residing in Oklahoma, married Effie Smith, of this county, and has five children, Bertha, Ira and Irene (twins), Arthur, and Elijah; Abraham, born in Illinois, and now residing in Burlington, married Amelia Strothman, by whom he has five children, Jesse, Clara, Lewis, Herbert, and Rollin; Sarah Arnold, wife of Scott Gulich, a farmer who owns and operates sixty acres in Franklin township, and they have two children, Loren and Arnold; Laura, wife of Phineas Landrum, of Pleasant Grove township, and has one child, Myrtle; Clara, the wife of Herman Rasmus, of Mediapolis, and has four children, Esta, Fern, Earl, and Sarah; Hattie, the widow of Edward Thomas, and resides upon her father's farm; John, the owner of a farm of sixty acres in Franklin township, married Maggie Smith; Dolly, resides in Mediapolis; Jacob, living on the home farm; Mary, became the wife of Charles Olcott, and died at the age of

twenty-nine years; and one that died in infancy.

Mr. Arnold and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and have taken a helpful interest in its work. In politics he has been an earnest Republican since casting his first vote for John C. Fremont. He has held the office of trustee of Franklin township for one term, and, deeply interested in school matters, has done effective service locally for the cause of education, serving as secretary of the board, and as a school director for a quarter of a century. His efficient service, his military record, his business career, and his private life all entitle him to the warm regard and esteem of many friends, and have made his life worthy of emulation in many respects.

CYRUS GREEN.

ONE of the early settlers of Des Moines county, and one who has been honored with many offices within the gift of the people, and has served with great ability, and is now spending the evening of his active life at his pleasant home in Washington township, is Cyrus Green. He is a son of Thomas and Sarah (Marsh) Green, and was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, Jan. 27, 1825. The father was a farmer, and died in Ohio; and later the mother came to Iowa, but did not live long afterward. Our subject received his early education in his birth-place, and remained on his father's farm till he was twenty-three years of age, which was a great help to his father. About this time he went to Perry county, Ohio, and purchased a farm of one hun-

dred and twenty acres, where he was actively engaged in general farming for four years. In 1852 he moved to Iowa, and located first near Cairo, Louisa county, where he rented a farm and farmed it for two years, and then took up a residence on a place near Morning Sun, Iowa, where he met with much success as a farmer, and which he called home for two years. His next move was to come to Washington township, Des Moines county, where he purchased his present farm of eighty acres in Section 3, upon which he has lived ever since. Not a spade had been put into this land when he bought it, and it presented a very wild and rough appearance; but Mr. Green set about at once to bring it under cultivation, and though he had much of it to do by himself, still to-day his land is of the best, and all cultivated, and yielding golden harvests each year. Mr. Green has a nice and comfortable house, a good barn, and several substantial buildings for stock and grain, and uses all of the modern farm machinery.

Mr. Green has been a Republican all of his life, and has held the office of supervisor for the last fifteen years. He has ever taken much interest in educational matters, and has represented the township as school director and secretary of the board for many years. He has also manifested a great deal of interest in religious matters, and is a member of the Presbyterian church, where he has been trustee for some time.

When Mr. Green was about twenty-four years of age he was married to Miss Mary Fickle, who was born in Perry county, Ohio, and died when twenty-four years old, leaving five children, four of

whom are now living: Lucretia, married Anderson Jarvis, resides in Kansas, and has a large family of children; George W., a farmer, near Martinsburg, married Miss Emma Brockway, now deceased, leaving one unnamed child, who died soon after its mother. He married for his second wife Miss Alice Miller, and they have five children: Mary, Leonard, Myrl, Jessie, and Anna; John, also a farmer in Washington township, married Miss Mary Bashford, and they are the parents of six children: Martha, Nellie, Lena, Clara, Acil, and Howard; Millard, resides on a farm in Washington township, married Miss Clara Bozarth, and they have two children, Ivy and Harry; Benjamin F., died in infancy.

Mr. Green's second wife was Miss May Jane Tatman, who was born in Maryland, and came to Perry county, Ohio, when quite young, and who became the mother of two children, Mary and Martha, both of whom died in infancy. Mr. Green was called upon to mourn the death of his second wife, and in the course of time, married for his third wife Mrs. Armina Brown, widow of David Brown. Mrs. Brown had two children, Perley B., editor and proprietor of the *Harlan Republican*, resides in Harlan, Iowa, married Miss Eva Dougherty, and they are the parents of six children: Leah, Harold, Edna, Bessie, David, and Margaret; Mary married Frank O'Kell, a farmer in Washington township, and has one daughter, Bertha.

By the marriage of Mr. Green and Mrs. Brown, nine children have been born, seven of whom are living: James L., a farmer, living in Washington township, married Miss Rosa Stoner, and they have

been blessed with two children, Joseph and Zella; Nellie, the wife of Frank Grow, who lives in Nebraska; May, resides at home; Grant, of Washington township, married Miss Martha Helt, and by this union four children have come to them: Fern, Eveline, Donald, and Delbert; Frederick and Hosea, both of whom died in infancy; Martha F., the wife of David McCahan, a farmer in Louisa county; Blanche, married Albert Grow, a farmer residing in Nebraska; Jessie, at home with her parents.

Mr. Green has witnessed many changes of all kinds during his residence of over forty-five years in Des Moines county. What was timber-land fifty years ago, or in many cases hills and hollows, are now built up into cities and villages, which are supplied with all the modern conveniences which tend to lessen man's labors. Mr. Green is certainly a self-made man, and though he has met difficulties and obstacles in his path, he has overcome these by determined purpose and resolute will, steadily working his way upward, and commanding the respect and admiration of his fellow-men by reason of his honorable life and unflinching course.

ROBERT A. McELHINNEY.

AN esteemed and honored resident of Washington township, Des Moines county, is Robert A. McElhinney, who was born in the city of Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 12, 1840. His parents, Samuel and Ann (Elder) McElhinney, were both born in Ireland, and came to America in early pioneer times, settling in Philadelphia, where Mr. McEl-

hinney was engaged for a number of years in the buying and selling of stock. In 1840 they came to Iowa, and located in Louisa county, where they remained for a few years and then removed to Des Moines county, purchasing a farm in Yellow Springs township, upon which he was actively engaged in farming and stock-raising till his death, which occurred when he was seventy-three years old. He was a member and elder in the Reformed Presbyterian church. In politics he gave his vote and hearty support to the Republican party. The devoted mother of our subject died a few years before her husband. They were the parents of eleven children, six of whom are still living.

Robert McElhinney, subject of this review, received his early education in the common schools of Yellow Springs township and in the district schools of Louisa county, Iowa. He assisted upon the home farm till he was twenty-one years old, when he moved to a farm of one hundred and sixty-three and one-half acres on Section 12, given to him by his father, and which is located in Washington township. Here he has lived ever since, having made all of the many improvements on the place, building a good and substantial building for a residence, and other necessary outbuildings for the protection of stock and grain.

He is a progressive and successful farmer and stock-raiser, and has his farm well under cultivation, using all modern machinery and implements. Since coming to this township he has seen a great many changes for the betterment of the county, and he certainly deserves credit for always being ready and willing to assist and do his full share in any undertaking that would bring about a condition that would in any way tend to improve the township.

On Feb. 12, 1861, Mr. McElhinney was twenty-one years of age, and celebrated the day by being united in marriage to Miss Margaret Jane McClurkin, who was a daughter of Matthew McClurkin, who settled in Louisa county at an early day, and died on the road to California during the gold excitement. Unto Mr. and Mrs. McElhinney ten children were born, eight of whom are living: William J., a farmer of Louisa county, Iowa, married Lizzie Chambers, and they have one child, Willetta; Samuel F., a farmer residing in Washington township, married Miss Mary Chambers, and they are the parents of three children, Elbern, Clyde, and Isabelle; Annie, wife of Thomas Robb, a farmer of Yellow Springs township, and the mother of one child, Mary Margaret; Ella May, married J. M. McCloy, a farmer of Colorado; Margaret, at home; Mathew, lives in Minnesota; Robert W., at home; Winnie L., a teacher in the public schools in Yellow Springs township, at home. All of their children were born in Washington township, and two died there.

The beloved wife and mother of this large family passed away at the home place, Feb. 25, 1899. She was a consistent member of the Covenanter church, where her husband still holds membership. Mr. McElhinney was reared in the Republican faith, and in early manhood shared his father's political opinions, but never was an aspirant for public office. He has lived a just and helpful life, the position which he now holds in the esteem of his fellow-citizens being the result of faithfulness in every duty which has become his as a resident of the community. We take great pleasure in being able to place before the public the life history of so prominent a man.

JOSEPH H. BARTON.

THERE is no name in Washington township more highly respected or one more familiar to the community than the one which heads this review. Mr. Joseph H. Barton has been identified with Des Moines county for sixty years, and has always been enterprising and active in all movements that would in any way improve the county; and a review of this county would certainly be incomplete without his record. He was born in Franklin township, Des Moines county, March 31, 1845, and is a son of Henry and Nancy Elizabeth (Wyatt) Barton.

His father, who was born in Cheshire, England, came to America about 1840, and settled in Iowa, where he soon purchased a farm of one hundred acres of wild timber land in Franklin township, Des Moines county. He at once began to clear the place, and built a log house and log barn, living in the former for many years in real pioneer style. From time to time, as success came to Mr. Barton, he added more to his farm, till he had a beautiful place of four hundred acres. He later erected a large and substantial brick dwelling, which is still standing on the farm. He was a man who could manage his work with the best of results, was careful in all things, and his hard and untiring labor connected with general farming was rewarded with success.

Mr. Barton was not spared to really enjoy the fruit of his work and early hardships, for in 1856, while erecting his new home, he took sick, and entered into his eternal rest when about fifty-five years of age. A man of his day in all things, and of rare ability, he was sadly missed in the community, but years may come and go, and still his name

will be written indelibly in the minds and hearts of the coming generation as one who assisted to make the county prosperous.

Mrs. Barton was also a native of England, where her marriage occurred. She came to America with her husband, and performed well all the many duties that fell to a wife and mother in those early days. She was a noble Christian woman, and took much pleasure in active church work in the Methodist church, of which she was long a faithful member. She laid down the burdens of this life in 1885, at the old home place, and rests by the side of her husband in the cemetery at Franklin Mills. Mr. and Mrs. Barton were the parents of nine children, of whom six are living.

Our subject obtained his education in the common schools of Franklin township, and as his father passed away when he was only nine years of age, the care of his mother and the management of the farm devolved upon him as soon as he was old enough. He remained on the home place, engaged in general farming and stock-raising, till seventeen years of age, when he went to Washington township and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land, upon which he erected a large two-story frame dwelling, a modern barn, and several other buildings for his stock and grain. He is a prosperous farmer, and an extensive feeder and shipper.

About six years ago he bought the elevator at Roscoe and enlarged it, more than doubling its capacity, and has since been very successful in the grain business. In addition to these various enterprises, Mr. Barton owns two thirds of the Roscoe store, which is now managed by his son, C. H. Barton. He was also one of the organizers of the Citizens' State Bank, of Mediapolis, Iowa, and has been the vice-president ever

since. He still owns forty acres of the old home farm in Franklin township.

Oct. 24, 1867, Mr. Barton married Miss Verlina Griffith. She is a daughter of James Griffith, and was born in Flint River township, where her father was an early settler, living on one farm there for over sixty years, a fact we think can not be equaled in the county. Mr. Griffith died in Flint River township in 1903, aged seventy-nine years. He was a man possessing high moral principles, and was respected by all.

Mrs. Barton received her education in the schools of her native township, where she grew to womanhood and was married. She is a devoted member of the Methodist church. As the years have passed, Mr. and Mrs. Barton have had eight children added to the household, of whom seven are living: James Henry, is a farmer residing in Washington township. He married Miss Pearl Cline, a daughter of Henry Cline, and they have three children living, Raymond, Ruth, and Burrell Joseph. Katherine is the wife of John W. Thomas, who lives near Roscoe, Washington township, and they have four children, Everett, Blanche, Vera, and Cecil. Julia is at home. Edward J. married Nellie Ermina Enke, a daughter of James Enke. They live in Washington township, and have two children, James Allis, and Lois Pearl. Charles married Miss Lulu Kurtz, daughter of Charles Kurtz, who is a farmer of Washington township. They have one child, Surrell, and live at Roscoe, where Mr. Barton is manager of the general supply store, and also express agent and station agent for the Burlington Railroad Company. Lulu and Mark are at home. Nellie died when four years of age. The children were all born in Franklin township, where also they were educated.

Mr. Barton belongs to that class of men whose enterprising spirit is used not alone for their own benefit. He has not only advanced the general good and promoted public prosperity, but has ably managed individual interests, and all who know him have the highest admiration for his good qualities of heart and mind.

AUGUSTUS B. H. FORKEL.

AUGUSTUS BERNHART HENRY FORKEL, now in his seventieth year, and numbered among the oldest business men in the city of Burlington, Iowa, was born July 16, 1835, in Coburg, Germany, a son of Christian and Elizabeth (Langut) Forkel, and was educated in the common and high schools of his native place, being graduated from the latter at the early age of fourteen years. While a student in school he also began learning the trade of harness-making and saddlery, in which he speedily perfected himself after the conclusion of his studies. He early went to Vienna, traveled in Hungary, and thence to Gerletz, Berlin, and different places. From Berlin he came to America in 1854, embarking June 1st in a sailing vessel, as there were only two steamships engaged in ocean passenger traffic at that time, and landing on this side the Atlantic, September 13.

Before deciding upon a permanent location in this country, Mr. Forkel traveled a great deal, visiting different cities, including Washington, Buffalo, Cincinnati, Detroit, and in 1856 came to Burlington. He later, however, proceeded to Davenport, where he lived for a time; but in 1865 returned to Burlington, establishing himself

in business here in 1866. Continuously since that time he has been actively engaged in business in Burlington, and now enjoys the distinction of being one of the oldest business men on Jefferson Street.

On April 26, 1866, he wedded Miss Louisa Bercht, a daughter of Francis Bercht. Mrs. Forkel is now deceased, her death occurring at Mount Pleasant, Nov. 28, 1878. She was a woman of lovable and admirable personality, well educated, having been a student at the Ursuline College of St. Louis.

To the service of his adopted country Mr. Forkel gave his best efforts during the time of the war between the States, enlisting at St. Louis on April 20, 1863, in Company F, Nineteenth Missouri Militia, in which he continued for two years, acting as Provost Guard, doing hospital and transportation duty, caring for the wounded, transferring prisoners, and doing whatever duty was required by the circumstances of those troubled and terrible times.

At 618 Jefferson Street, Mr. Forkel handles all kinds of harness, saddles, and everything pertaining to the business, besides executing every species of repairs. All his work is done by hand, including a large part of the manufacture of his regular stock of goods, he making a specialty of hand-made collars. In the latter class of work he uses the Scotch method, and is the only workman west of Chicago now making collars entirely by hand and absolutely without the aid of machinery.

Politically, Mr. Forkel is possessed of very pronounced opinions, which he expresses with convincing force, and in the exercise of his duties as a citizen he acts independently of all party organizations, casting his vote in favor of whatever man

or measure best embodies his personal views. He is a valued member of the Knights of Honor, and has had the honor of election to all the offices within the gift of the Burlington Lodge. He was reared in the faith of the Evangelical Lutheran church, and although he has not maintained that connection, he considers himself a member of the great church of universal human brotherhood. He has enjoyed uniform success in the conduct of his business, and as one who has done his duty at all times as a man and a citizen, has followed an upright course of life, and manifested the quality of loyalty in friendship, his reputation is fair, stainless, and honorable, and many speak his praise.

JOHN LANE.

ONE of the prosperous farmers of Yellow Springs township, who began life as a poor boy, with nothing but his energy and willing hands to aid him, and who has now acquired a comfortable home as well as established a good reputation, is John Lane. He is a son of John and Ann (Chapman) Lane, and was born in the county of Norfolk, England. His father was a man of very limited means, being a farm laborer, and consequently the education of our subject was very meager. His mother died when he was only five years old, and he has earned his own living since he was but fifteen years of age. At the age of fifteen he went to Yorkshire, England, where he resided for many years. He was also married in Yorkshire, Jan. 20, 1866, to Miss Ann Hutchcroft, a daughter of John and Mary (Ripley). They have been blessed with

six children: John George, lives northeast of Winfield about six miles; William James, resides in Yellow Springs township; Anna Elizabeth, the wife of D. W. Hutchcroft, and lives one mile south of Kossuth; Charles Arthur, a resident of Yellow Springs township; Sarah Eliza, married John Schmidt, and makes her home in Pleasant Grove township; and Francis Chapman, lives and works the home farm.

In the spring of 1868, when the oldest child was just one year old, Mr. and Mrs. Lane came to America by way of New York, and at once proceeded to Burlington, and later went to Kossuth. Here Mr. Lane worked out for two years, and then for the next seventeen years lived on rented farms. In 1892, through his untiring efforts and great economy, assisted very materially by his good helpmate, he was able to buy his present farm of one hundred and twenty acres in the southwest corner of Section 17. He has improved the farm greatly, and now has most of it under cultivation. His pleasant home is open and welcome to all, and is probably one of the best in the township. Mrs. Lane passed away in 1902 at the age of sixty-five years. She was a woman whose life was full of good deeds, and one whom it was a pleasure to know, and she was greatly beloved by all with whom she came in contact.

Mr. Lane is an old member of the Methodist church, which has received much aid from his generous hand. He has ever been a strong Republican, and at one time was school director in the township. There is probably no man in Des Moines county who has made more progress in business than Mr. Lane. He

has struggled on and upward with a fixed purpose, and now in the evening of life is well deserving of rest and comfort. His worldly possessions are not his only treasures, as he has ever lived a moral, conscientious life, has been a kind neighbor, and a true friend, and it is with pleasure we point to him as an example to the young men among his acquaintance.

JACOB BUMGARDNER.

JACOB BUMGARDNER, a representative farmer of Des Moines county, living on Section 8, Union township, is a native of Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred in Dauphin or Lebanon county, on the 24th of July, 1838. His parents were John and Anna (Kimport) Bumgardner, both of whom are natives of Pennsylvania, and removed to Cumberland county, that State, during the early boyhood of their son Jacob. After about six years they came to Des Moines county, Iowa, in 1849. For a year they lived in a brick house that is now owned by Samuel Senti, but was then the property of David Ernest. The father was in such limited financial circumstances that he could not even purchase a cow, though one could have been bought at that time for ten dollars. The family numbered ten children, of whom Jacob is the second. The journey westward had been made by the canal from Cumberland county to Pittsburg, thence by steamer to Burlington. The father had been a teamster in Pennsylvania, driving four and six horses, but hoping that he might eventually become the owner of a farm here, he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, renting a tract of land. His



JACOB BENGARDNER AND FAMILY.

wife died when their son Jacob was about sixteen years of age, and in the early '50's the father went to California in search of gold. He traveled eastward to New York, and thence sailed for the Isthmus of Panama. Crossing that narrow strip of land, he afterward embarked on the Pacific waters for San Francisco; and when he reached California, he made his way to the mines. In that locality he engaged in teaming, and became the owner of mining interests. He had left his children in Union township, and they remained together until two of the daughters were married. The home then being broken up, Mr. Bumgardner decided to do for himself as soon as he became of age.

Not long after Jacob Bumgardner attained his majority, he and his brother, William H. H. Bumgardner, also went to California, making the journey by way of the Isthmus in 1860. There they worked in the mines until the fall of 1862, when the brother joined a company of one hundred who enlisted in the Union army. They made the trip back to Boston to join a regiment, and were all members of the same company. They were known throughout the war as the California Hundred. William H. H. Bumgardner was in cavalry service, and was wounded in Loudon county, Virginia, by Mosby's guerillas, his injuries terminating his life. In 1863 the father died in California, being then about fifty years of age, and his remains are interred on Iowa Hill, in Placer county.

In 1864 Mr. Bumgardner returned by way of the Isthmus, New York, and Canada to his old home in Iowa. He had been here only ten or fifteen days when his patriotic spirit being aroused by the continued attempt of the South to overthrow the Union,

he enlisted in Company F, Forty-fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry for one hundred days, and was sent to Wolf River, Tenn., to do guard duty. On the expiration of his first term of enlistment he was again enrolled as a soldier, becoming a member of Company C, Fifteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, with which command he was sent to Atlanta to join Sherman. He participated in the celebrated march to the sea, and was with Sherman's army until after the grand review in Washington, D. C., at the close of the war. Returning to Des Moines county, he settled in Union township, where he purchased land in connection with his brother-in-law, A. S. Perry. They continued business together until Mr. Perry was elected sheriff of the county, when the land was divided.

On the 24th of August, 1865, Mr. Bumgardner was married in Union township to Miss E. J. Perry, who was also a native of Pennsylvania, and a daughter of John R. and Jane (Estep) Perry. She was about fifteen years of age when the family came to Iowa, settling in Union township. She was liberally educated, attending school in Burlington for a couple of terms after completing the public-school course, and she was a successful teacher in both Des Moines and Lee counties prior to her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Bumgardner began their domestic life upon a farm. He purchased sixty acres of land, which he still owns, and to it he has added from time to time, as his financial resources have increased, until he now has nearly three hundred and seventy-four acres. This is divided into three farms, and his property is so well improved that he receives therefrom an excellent annual income.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Bumgardner has been blessed with five children: William H. H., the eldest, born in 1866, acquired a

fair education, and married Ella Orm, by whom he has one child, Oma. Their home is in Union township. Carrie B. is the wife of E. C. S. Miller, a resident near Mexico, Mo., and they have seven children, Edith J., Ida E., Lester J., Ray E., Ruth, Leona, and Carl. Walter P., living near Wapello, Louisa county, Iowa, married Miss Mary Dellzell, and has one child, Max C.; Elmer, who operates the home farm, married Julia Helt, and has one son, Millard. Bertha I. is the wife of Fred A. Woodward, and has three children, Ellis and Willis (twins), and Florence. Their home is near Agency, Iowa.

In his political views Mr. Bumgardner has always been a staunch Republican, casting his first presidential ballot for U. S. Grant, in 1868. He has been interested in good schools, the cause of education finding in him a warm friend, his services as a school director several terms being especially helpful, and has held the office of secretary of the board for twenty-five years. Always interested in his party and its upbuilding, he has done what he could to advance its welfare, and has served as a delegate to various conventions. His wife became a member of the Baptist church of Burlington prior to her marriage, but Mr. and Mrs. Bumgardner now attend the Methodist Episcopal church. He belongs to Matthies Post, G. A. R., at Burlington, and in all matters of citizenship he is as true to his country in days of peace as when he followed the old flag on the Southern battle-fields. Viewed from a business standpoint, his life has certainly been a successful one, and he enjoys the full confidence of the business community. Starting out for himself empty-handed, he possessed the determination which enables one to overcome difficulties and obstacles; and as years advanced, he has so managed his business

affairs that he is to-day one of the substantial agriculturists of Union township.

JOHN F. KUHLENBECK.

JOHN F. KUHLENBECK, as one who in the time of national peril offered his life as a sacrifice for the salvation of the country of his adoption, and through long succeeding years of peace has contributed to her material and moral upbuilding, is entitled to a place in any list of notable citizens in this part of the West. A native of Germany, he was born near Hanover, June 4, 1840, and resided at the place of his birth until his fourteenth year. At that early age he formed the resolution to emigrate to America, and embarking on a sailing vessel, started alone. After a voyage of more than thirteen weeks in duration he landed at New Orleans, whence he immediately set out for St. Louis, Mo., taking the Mississippi River route. In that city he served an apprenticeship of three years, learning the trade of shoemaking, which he subsequently followed for fifteen years. Thus he lost no time, but at once entered into useful employment, with the result that he established himself on an independent basis of self-support in the New World, and laid the foundation for a successful career.

In 1860 Mr. Kuhlénbeck came to Iowa, locating in Burlington, Des Moines county, where he engaged in the work of his trade until August 14, 1862, on which date he enlisted in Company D, Twenty-fifth Regiment Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and went to the front to bear a man's part in the great struggle for the

preservation of the Union. His was a long, arduous, and trying service, for he was engaged in twenty-four battles, including some of the most fiercely contested conflicts of the war, besides participating in the now famous historic movement known as Sherman's march to the sea. In one of the battles of this march he received a bayonet wound, but nevertheless managed to remain on duty with his company. He received honorable discharge at the city of Washington on June 6, 1865, and was there mustered out of the military service, to which he had devoted three years of his vigorous young manhood. For his service at that time a grateful government now tenders him a modest pension.

At the close of the war Mr. Kuhlbeck returned to Des Moines county and located in Pleasant Grove, purchasing a lot of two acres and establishing his home here. To his original purchase he added, until his holdings aggregated twenty-eight acres of fine farming land near the village, and on this he conducted agricultural operations and the usual amount of stock-raising for some years, meeting with excellent success from the first. In 1869 he erected a large and substantial business building in the village of Pleasant Grove, in which he established a general store, carrying a thoroughly complete stock, and by industry, tact, and integrity building up a magnificent monument to his own abilities and character in the shape of a great volume of business. This enterprise he conducted continuously for thirty-five years, when he sold the business to his son. He still resides, however, at his home in Pleasant Grove.

At Louisiana, Mo., in 1859, Mr. Kuhlbeck was united in marriage to Miss Mary Brewer, of that city, who was born in Germany, a daughter of Fred and Caroline Brewer, and came to America with her parents when but a small child. The father settled in Flint River township, Des Moines county, Iowa, where he was a farmer, following that occupation until his death there at an advanced age. The mother is also now deceased, and both are buried in Flint River township. Mrs. Kuhlbeck has long been devoted to religious work, and is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. During their residence in Des Moines county, there have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kuhlbeck seven children, all of whom are living, as follows: John, now engaged in managing his father's farm in Pleasant Grove township, married Miss Lydia Fleenor, daughter of Hiram Fleenor, and has two children, Ruby and Edna; Henry, a farmer of Pleasant Grove township, where he owns a fine farm of one hundred and three acres, married Miss Annie Ulrich, and has four sons, Frederick, Lawrence, Albert, and Oscar; Harty H., a resident of the village of Pleasant Grove, where he owns and operates a blacksmith shop, married Miss Alzora Stafford, and has one son, Frederick; Clara, married Ira Smith, and has one daughter, Villie; Malinda, the wife of Frederick Palmer, of Burlington, and has one daughter, Lettie; Frank, now a rural mail-carrier, and residing at the old home place, married Miss Della Rose, and they have one son, Hilton; Jessie, married David Thomas, a farmer of Benton township, Des Moines county, and has two daughters, Edith and Roy.

Frank Kuhlenbeck, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Kuhlenbeck, extended the military record of the family at the time of the Spanish-American War, first as a member of the Sixth Battery, in which he held the position of veterinary sergeant, and he afterward enlisted for the Philippine service. He spent a year in the islands, during which time his rank was that of quartermaster-sergeant of the Thirty-ninth Regiment, United States Volunteers. He saw much active service, participating in the battles of Calambo, Leapa, Tanawan, and San Papilo, and received honorable discharge Sept. 19, 1900, at San Francisco, Cal.

A lifelong Republican, Mr. Kuhlenbeck has never neglected his duty as a citizen and as one having an interest in all affairs touching the general welfare. On the other hand, he has never sought public office, although from a sense of duty he has served for a number of years in the capacity of supervisor of highways. He is a member of the Lutheran church, to whose work he contributes generously of his ample means, and in his fraternal relations is identified with Sheppard Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Mediapolis.

WILLIAM ORR.

WILLIAM ORR was born May 23, 1827, in West Virginia, and died in August, 1896, when in the seventieth year of his age. He came to Des Moines county, Iowa, when about twenty-six years of age, thus casting in his lot with the early settlers whose efforts proved the foundation for the present prosperity and upbuilding of the county.

He was a school-teacher by profession, and for a number of years was thus engaged in Morning Sun, Iowa. He was also proprietor of a store in Morning Sun for a time.

After a residence of ten years in this county he was married to Miss Catherine Logan, who was born Aug. 20, 1840, and whose death occurred Oct. 16, 1893. Through his wife he later inherited two hundred and twenty-five acres of land in Franklin township, the parents of our subject having been pioneer settlers of Des Moines county. The father died July 2, 1884, at the advanced age of seventy-seven years, and his wife passed away in 1878 at the age of seventy-six years. They were members of the Reformed Presbyterian church, and were people of the highest respectability, who enjoyed in full measure the confidence and esteem of those with whom they were associated. Mr. Orr turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, and remained a resident of Franklin township up to the time of his death. In all the relations of life in which he was found he was active, enterprising, and reliable.

James Campbell Orr, who follows general farming and stock-raising in Yellow Springs township, is a native of Iowa, being born in Franklin township, Des Moines county, March 27, 1867. He is a son of William and Catherine (Logan) Orr. His father is a native of West Virginia, while his mother claimed Pittsburg, Pa., as her birthplace. His father died at Mediapolis, Ohio, about 1896, and the latter passed away in Franklin township, Oct. 25, 1894.

The public schools of Mr. Orr's native township afforded him his early educational privileges. His entire life has been devoted to agricultural pursuits, for when he attained

his majority he determined to make his life work that to which he had been reared, and to-day finds him located on the Armstrong farm of one hundred acres in Yellow Springs township, one quarter of a mile from Mediapolis. His land is well drained, so that the fields are rich and productive. He also raises from thirty to forty head of White Chester hogs annually. His enterprise and good business ability are manifested in the fine appearance of this farm, and in the success which has attended his efforts since he attained his majority.

Mr. Orr was first married to Miss Jane Logan, daughter of William Logan, by whom he had one child, William, born Jan. 20, 1897. Mrs. Orr died Jan. 21, 1897, aged thirty-four years. June 3, 1901, Mr. Orr was united in marriage to Miss Clara Asmusen, a daughter of Fred and Louisa (Fulmer) Asmussen. Mrs. Orr was born in Franklin township, Sept. 14, 1878, and attended the Diamond school of the same township. Both her parents were born in Germany, her mother being only two years old when she came to America. Her parents were married in Iowa, where they still reside in Franklin township, her father carrying on his trade of painter and decorator.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Orr two children have been born: Frederic, born Aug. 7, 1902, and died Aug. 27, 1903; and Louisa, born June 19, 1903. Mr. Orr is a Republican in his views, but is not an aspirant for office. Mr. and Mrs. Orr are both well known in the community where they make their home, and count their friends by the score.

William John Orr, son of William and Catherine (Logan) Orr, spent his boyhood days as a farm lad, and obtained his education in the district schools, gaining a good knowledge of the common branches of

English learning. He has always preferred to follow farming rather than other business interests, and is now located on the Dr. Milligan farm on the northeast quarter of Section 16, Yellow Springs township. Here in his work he displays practical and yet progressive methods, keeping in touch with the modern ideas in farming, and his labors are attended with good results.

Feb. 25, 1903, Mr. Orr was united in marriage to Miss Pearl Scott, a daughter of Robert Allen and Amanda (Purcell) Scott. She was born in Northfield, Des Moines county, Jan. 18, 1879, and like her husband has a wide acquaintance in the county in which she has spent her entire life. Both Mr. and Mrs. Orr attend the Presbyterian church, and in his political views he is a Republican.

GEORGE KRAMER JACKSON.

GEORGE KRAMER JACKSON, deceased, was an enterprising agriculturist of Franklin township, and in his fine farm left a monument to his life of industry, enterprise, and honorable effort. He was born in Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, July 25, 1826, his parents being William and Jerusha (Inman) Jackson. He acquired his education in the early subscription schools of his home locality, and was reared to farm life, following that occupation throughout his active business career. In 1842 he came to the West, settling in Franklin township when almost the entire county was an unbroken and unclaimed district, so few were the evidences of progress and civilization seen at that time. The father purchased a farm about a half

mile from Sperry, and this tract of land is now in possession of his adopted son, Smith Jackson. Here he died two years later, leaving his sons to manage the property, which they did until they reached adult age and started out in life on their own account.

George K. Jackson, of this review, performed his full share in the work of cultivation and development upon the old homestead, and thus gained the experience which ably qualified him to carry on his work when he started out in life on his own account. He was married, Feb. 28, 1850, to Miss Catherine McMichael, a daughter of Archibald and Mary (McLaughlin) McMichael, and a native of Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, born March 14, 1829. They became the parents of seven children: Mary, now the wife of T. H. Rhodes, of Stuttgart, Ark.; Annis, the wife of Lee Hamilton, of Kosuth, Iowa; George, at home; Elizabeth, who died at the age of three years; Rebecca, who departed this life when thirty-five years of age; Margaret, the wife of George H. Ripple; Jennie, who died at the age of nine months; the other children also died in infancy.

Following his marriage Mr. Jackson purchased eighty acres of land in Section 3, Franklin township, for which he paid five dollars an acre. The work expended on the land may be better judged by its present value of one hundred and twenty-five dollars an acre. It was entirely destitute of improvements, and not a furrow had been turned; but he realized what would be the arduous work necessary for its development, and with stout heart and resolute purpose undertook the task of clearing and cultivating the land. He

erected thereon a house and other farm buildings, and added to his property until he had one hundred acres in the home place and also owned twenty-three and a half acres lying in Benton township. In 1871 he replaced the original dwelling by the present residence, which is an attractive home of eight rooms, and forms one of the pleasing features in the landscape. Everything about the place is kept in excellent condition, as Mr. Jackson was an energetic agriculturist, following practical methods, and bringing about good results in all of his farm work. He was also interested in affairs relating to the general upbuilding of the county, and he gave an early support to the Democratic party, believing that its platform contained the best elements of good government. He held some of the school offices, but never sought or desired political preferment. He belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Sperry, and also to the Grange, of which he was a charter member, and in which he held official positions. He belonged to the Baptist church, and passed away in that faith Feb. 21, 1896, when about seventy years of age.

LEWIS TIMMERMAN.

THE man who makes conditions spell success for him in the toilsome career of agriculture well deserves recognition in any work devoted to the worthy and honorable characters of a community in which he has passed laborious years. The man who digs a competence from the earth, and compels the sun and the rain to do his bidding, commits no wrong, but

confers a favor on the world. If he who makes two blades of grass grow where one grew before is a public benefactor, the farmers—the men who raise the grain, and cultivate the vegetables, and breed the cattle—are the great benefactors of humanity. For without them the men who guide the flying spindles and watch the whirring wheels of modern industry could not exist a moment. They sustain the social structure, and trade and commerce but dabble in the things that they produce. The subject of this article is a follower of the noble profession of agriculture.

Fred Lewis Timmerman was born at Latty, Iowa, Aug. 25, 1875, and was the son of Frederick and Anna (Table) Timmerman. His father was born in Germany, and now resides at Latty, Iowa, at the age of seventy years. The mother was also a native of Germany and is still living. Lewis Timmerman received his education in the district schools of Latty, and was brought up as a farmer, which vocation he has always followed. He now lives on J. R. Denney's place, which he has made his home for about nine years. He carries on a general farming business, and raises some stock. He was married Jan. 22, 1897, at Galesburg, Ill., to Lizzie Carnes, daughter of James and Betty (Marshall) Carnes. Her father was born in Scotland, and died in the northern part of Ireland about sixteen years ago. Her mother was born in Manchester, England, and now resides with one of her daughters in the northern part of Ireland.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Timmerman has been brightened by the addition of children, Fred, William, Clifford, and

Anna Florence still living, while two died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Timmerman are members of the United Presbyterian church. Their genial social dispositions have won for them a large circle of friends, who hope to see them forge ahead, and receive the material reward for their industry which their persevering characters so richly deserve.

AUGUST G. GLASER.

AUGUST G. GLASER, one of the more recent additions to agricultural circles of Des Moines county, following farming here since 1901, was born in Prussia, Germany, Dec. 6, 1875, his parents being Peter and Mary (Schneider) Glaser, both of whom are yet living. In their family were ten children, all of whom died in Germany with the exception of two, the living daughter being Rosa Glaser, who was born Feb. 24, 1891.

August G. Glaser spent his boyhood days in the Fatherland, and acquired his education in the public schools. He was a youth of fifteen years when he crossed the Atlantic from Germany to America, settling first in Cleveland, Ohio, where he remained for five months. He then went to Illinois, where he became identified with farming interests, continuing his connection with agricultural pursuits in that State until 1901, when he removed to Des Moines county. Here he purchased one hundred and ten acres of land from John L. Thomas, of Mediapolis, and has since carried on general farming on Sections 13 and 18 in Huron township, where he is living with his parents. He

is a wide-awake, industrious young man, resolved to win success; and the manner in which he carries on his farm work indicates that he will reach his ambition in this regard.

JAMES KIRK.

JAMES KIRK, who, during the course of a long and eventful life, has borne an important part in the pioneer life and development of two of the now wealthiest and greatest States of the American Union, was born April 18, 1818, in Harrison county, Ohio, the fourth son of James and Margaret (Ferguson) Kirk. His father, who was a member of a Scotch family, settled in Ireland, emigrated from that country to America, locating in Washington county, Pennsylvania, where he was married and whence he removed to Ohio, becoming the first settler of Harrison county. Here he cleared and cultivated a farm of one hundred acres, making that his residence for a long term of years, but finally bought and removed to a farm near Princeton, Ind., where he spent the remainder of his life, and where both he and his wife died, much honored and respected. They were the parents of eleven children, named as follows in order of birth: Samuel, George, Henry, James, Thomas, John, Joseph, Eleanor, Jane, Polly, and Ann. Of this family the only surviving member at the present time is James, the subject of this review.

Mr. Kirk received his formal education in the schools of his native State, attending subscription schools held in a log cabin, in which the window panes were of greased paper, the floors of puncheon, and the

pupils' seats were plain slabs without backs. Among these primitive conditions he was able to acquire a very fair knowledge of the elementary branches of learning, which he has since largely supplemented by intelligent reading and reflection. Attending school for only a small part of the year, the major portion of his time as a youth and young man was devoted to the work of his father's farm, of which he thus gained a perfect knowledge by hard practical experience, and laid the firm foundation of his future success. The larger share of his active life has passed as a farmer in Jasper county, Iowa, whither he went in the fall of the year 1865, to become one of the county's early pioneers and to take up the burden of advancing civilization in that then undeveloped country, now one of the richest agricultural sections of the State of Iowa. For thirty years he was closely identified with its upbuilding and progress, as it was not until 1895 that he sold his fine farm there and removed to Burlington, where he has since continuously resided, enjoying a well-earned rest from the arduous toil of earlier years.

On July 11, 1843, Mr. Kirk was united in marriage to Miss Eleanor Marchbank, who was born Feb. 16, 1817, in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, the daughter of William and Nancy (Frazier) Marchbank. To Mr. and Mrs. Kirk have been born ten children: Nancy Maria, the eldest, died at the age of eight years; Margaret Jane is the widow of George P. Alford, a sketch of whose career appears elsewhere in this volume. Hannah E. died at the age of sixteen months. The remaining children are in order as follows: Rebecca Elizabeth, Mary Lavina, Joseph Alexander, James Alfred, Milton Hanna, William McCready, and Florence

Ellen. William M. is now deceased, the date of his demise being Sept. 25, 1904. Until his untimely passing there had been no death in the family for fifty-three years, and the sorrow of the bereavement was such as few can understand who have not suffered a similar loss. Florence Ellen is a resident of Hastings, Nebr., where she has been a teacher in the public schools for seventeen years.

Public questions have always been a matter of deep and abiding interest for Mr. Kirk. He was originally a Whig in his political leanings, voting as such for General William Henry Harrison for president of the United States. Upon the formation of the Republican party he joined its ranks, and throughout its entire history has been a loyal supporter of its leaders and principles, having voted for sixteen Republican candidates for the presidency.

As one who has at heart the welfare of his fellow-men, he has given constant encouragement to the work of the church, and for many years was a member of the Presbyterian church at Newton, Iowa, of which he was at one time a trustee. He is a man who has achieved an undeniable success in a material way, but while he has by industry, thrift, care, and the exercise of sound business judgment acquired a goodly share of this world's goods, he has never neglected the higher interests of life, giving willingly of his substance to advance the cause of religion and morality, and by his personal influence doing much to uphold and advance the standing of many worthy movements for the uplifting of the human race. The soul of integrity, honor, and loyalty, he has drawn around him a circle of faithful friends who admire and cherish him for the sterling virtues of his character.

GEBHARD SCHUPP.

GEBHARD SCHUPP, who has long contributed to the industrial prosperity and activity of Burlington as a skilled mechanic, was born Aug. 18, 1861, in Baden, Germany, a son of Carl Schupp, who died Sept. 6, 1892, aged fifty-six years, and Paulina (Denz) Schupp, now residing in Bonndorf, Baden, at the age of fifty-nine years. His education was begun in the public schools, from which he was graduated, and finished by a two-years' course in a commercial college. On leaving school he took up and learned the trade of tinner. Being of an enterprising disposition, however, he abandoned this, and in 1884 came to America, landing at the port of Philadelphia, where he tarried for a week and then came to Burlington.

In this city Mr. Schupp was first employed in the Murray Iron Works for a period of one year, being employed in the wood-working department. At the end of that time he engaged with the Burlington Embalming and Casket Company, having charge of a shaping machine, and at this occupation he remained for the long term of nineteen years.

Mr. Schupp continued with the Casket Company till Nov. 1, 1904, when he resigned and engaged in business for himself. At that time he opened a cigar and tobacco store at 520 Jefferson Street, where he carries a fine line of pipes, cigars, and tobacco and smokers' materials, papers, magazines, and stationery, also prayer-books, rosaries, and like supplies. Being a skilled mechanic, he has also in connection a repair shop, where he does all kinds of repairing, including amber and meerschaum work, and the coloring of meerschaum

pipes, having the only establishment of the kind in the city.

On May 20, 1890, he married Miss Wilhelmina Snyder, who was born in Fort Madison, Lee county, Iowa, Dec. 20, 1856, beginning her education in that city, and finishing at the Convent of Notre Dame, Milwaukee, Wis.

Mrs. Schupp is the daughter of Lawrence and Jacobine (Schmidt) Snyder, the former of whom died Oct. 6, 1897, aged seventy-six years and eight months, and the mother, Feb. 17, 1904, in her seventy-sixth year. They have three sons: Lawrence, born June 7, 1891; Joseph, born Aug. 24, 1895; and Leo, born May 13, 1898. He built at 985 Washington Street, in 1894, where he has since resided.

Mr. Schupp is a Democrat in his political belief and affiliation, and fraternally was for a time a member of the Knights of Labor. He is identified with St. John's Catholic church, of which he is one of the most loyal and liberal supporters. He holds high rank as a mechanic, as a citizen, and as a man, and has a great number of friends who testify to his eminent worth.

JOHN ARNOLD.

JOHN ARNOLD, a retired farmer and stock-dealer of Burlington, was born in Lebanon, Pa., Oct. 13, 1822, and his has been a long, busy, useful, and honorable career. He first opened his eyes to the light of day in the house in which his father, John Arnold, and his grandfather, who also bore the name of John Arnold, were born. They were of Pennsylvania Dutch lineage. The father was a farmer

by occupation, following that pursuit throughout his entire business career, and he died in Pennsylvania at the age of eighty-eight years, while his wife, who bore the maiden name of Catherine Ritter, passed away at the age of fourscore years. In his family were six children, of whom John Arnold was the second. He has three brothers and two sisters yet living in Pennsylvania.

In his youth John Arnold, of this review, learned to speak the Pennsylvania Dutch language, which is still used by the members of his family. He began his education in his native State, and entered upon a successful business career in Pennsylvania; but hoping to make money more rapidly in the West he came to Iowa when twenty-two years of age, and has for forty years been a resident of Burlington. Before leaving Pennsylvania he was engaged in the furniture trade, and in 1852 he went to California, where he remained for about a year, working as carpenter for a mining company on the construction of waterways, long-toms and rockers. He, too, did a little prospecting, and eventually returned to the East. He made the trip to California by way of the water route from New York, crossing the isthmus at Nicaragua, and he returned by way of the Panama route to New York, and thence to Lebanon, Pa. Ere starting for the Pacific Coast he had leased his furniture store and stock for three years, and as he could not obtain his store until that time was passed, he eventually sold the stock and started West. He made his way first to Decatur, Ill., where he purchased an interest in a furniture business; and about 1850 he came to Burlington, where he turned his attention to the live-stock business, purchasing stock

and making shipments to Chicago. He bought stock along the Missouri River for two years, drove to Ottumwa, and thence shipped by rail to Chicago. During this period his family remained in Burlington. He engaged in the stock business for about four or five years, and while thus engaged he invested in land in Henderson county, Ill. Following the Civil War he removed to his farm, and carried on general agricultural pursuits for about six or seven years, also raising and shipping stock to some extent. He owned about three hundred acres of land there. While on the farm he was gored by a bull at three different times. On the third occasion it seemed that he would be killed; but the bull threw him about fifteen feet, and he rolled under a wagon load of hay, from which position he was rescued by his family. On one occasion he paid three hundred dollars for a calf and two hundred and fifty dollars for a bull of the Hereford breed.

Mr. Arnold has had altogether a prosperous career, and yet there have been reverses and difficulties in his business life. He lost quite heavily during the financial panic which followed the Civil War. However, strenuous effort and careful management enabled him to overcome his difficulties and to continue in a prosperous business career. In 1866 Mr. Arnold crossed the plains in a prairie schooner to Denver, taking with him a load of flour, meat, and provisions from Burlington. Again he secured a stock of provisions at Plattsburgh, Nebr., and went on to Denver, where he remained for about a year, selling his goods in that place. He had four wagons to which he drove oxen, and he sold his provisions to miners. He knew what was needed in the mining country, and made

some money on the venture. He also sold his ox-teams and wagons, and returned in a light wagon with two horses that he had driven. He saw many Indians in Colorado, but they occasioned him no trouble, and there were large herds of buffalo on the plains in the West.

Following his return to Burlington he purchased a lot and built a house at 300 South Fourth Street in 1884, and he has property on South Hill, which he rents. His home was erected at a cost of about four thousand dollars, and is a brick structure two stories in height with basement. For two years after leaving the farm he continued in the stock business, but for eight or ten years has lived retired. He sold his farm to his son, John H. Arnold, who still operates it, and Mr. Arnold invested his money in Burlington property, being now quite an extensive realty holder in the city.

John Arnold was married in Lebanon, Pa., ere his removal to the West, to Miss Rebecca Arnold, a third cousin. She is still living, but for about a year has been an invalid, her ill health having been occasioned by falling down the cellar steps. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold became the parents of four children: John H., of Burlington, who married Cora Gidding, and has two children: John and Mary; Charlie, a practicing physician of Pittsburg, Pa., who married Maggie McGraw; Mrs. Mary Kennedy, who with her son, Nicholas, resides with her parents; Emma, who is living in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold are members of St. Paul's Catholic church, and in his political views he is a Democrat. He has now passed the eighty-second milestone on life's journey, and is remarkably well preserved for a man of his years. His life's history,

if written in detail, would present many interesting incidents, especially in the pioneer experiences which he had in the far West when he made his trips to California and to Denver. He has been, indeed, a soldier of fortune, and he kept a diary of his journeyings, but unfortunately this was destroyed by fire. From memory, however, he gives many interesting incidents of the happenings of the early days. As the years have gone by he has, through the careful husbanding of his resources and his business capacity, acquired a comfortable competence that now enables him to live in honorable retirement from further labor.

JOHN RILES BISHOP.

THE history of America is replete with illustrations of the fact that it is only under the pressure of adversity and the stimulus of competition that the best and strongest in men is brought out and developed. Perhaps the history of no people so forcibly impresses one with this truth as the annals of our own Republic. The life record of John Riles Bishop is another proof of this fact, for in a business career he has won success, made for himself a record that makes his an honored name, and causes his life to be enshrined in the hearts of all with whom he is associated.

He is the son of Joseph and Cynthia Ann (Bishop) Bishop, his birth having occurred in Rush county, Indiana, April 30, 1842. His father was born in Richmond, Virginia, April 2, 1816, and his mother in Pulaski county, Kentucky, in 1815. When our subject was quite a

small lad, his parents brought him to Iowa, first locating in Franklin township, and after a short time removing to Yellow Springs township. The first location mentioned was just south of the village of Mediapolis, on the Bolick farm, in 1846. Mr. Bishop received the average schooling commonly allotted to a farmer's son in the free schools of his immediate neighborhood. He was a clever boy to assist his father in all the occupations on the farm, and at an early age was well versed in the care of field and meadow. His father passed away July 24, 1891, aged seventy-five years, and his good mother departed this life Nov. 3, 1883.

Shortly before his mother's death, Mr. Bishop was united in marriage with Miss Lucy A. Meyers, a daughter of Elias and Abigail (Bougher) Meyers. Mrs. Bishop was born in Oscaloosa, Iowa, Sept. 17, 1861. Her father is a native of North Carolina, and her mother was born in Iowa. The former is still living at the ripe age of eighty-four years. The mother passed to realms of glory Aug. 15, 1872. They had an old-fashioned family of nine bright children, as follows: Richard; William; John, deceased; an infant, also deceased; George, deceased; Henry; Lizzie, who married Raymond Humphrey, resides in Pleasant Grove; Lucy, wife of Mr. Bishop; and Joseph, deceased.

Providence was also most gracious to Mr. and Mrs. Bishop, giving unto them three daughters: Lulu, the beloved wife of Charles Heitmire, of Washington township, and they have one son, Glenn Oral, born July 29, 1904; Dora May, and Nellie Estella, both at home, the latter being a musician on the organ, and a sweet singer.



JOHN R. BISHOP AND FAMILY.

Mr. Bishop's present farm of eighty acres, in Section 34, is a part of the old homestead bought by his father in 1846. When he entered upon it, it was in a wild and unbroken condition; but with much energy he set to work to clear it, and from time to time, as means and leisure would permit, he has added one improvement after another till now he has one of the best in the county. He has all the modern machinery, does general farming, and raises about one hundred and forty head of hogs and some fine cattle annually. He also owns thirteen acres of land in Section 6, Benton township. He is an esteemed member of Sperry Lodge of Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has held some of the minor offices.

Politically, he is a decided Republican, casting his first vote for Abraham Lincoln at his first election, but has never sought any public office, preferring to serve his party as a private citizen. Throughout his entire business career, Mr. Bishop has maintained a reputation that is unassailable. His open, frank ways have made him friends among all classes, and the careful, methodical means he has constantly striven to exercise have added much to his pleasures and successes in life.

HENRY KAESTNER.

HENRY KAESTNER, a retired farmer, residing in Burlington, was born in Prussia, Germany, Jan. 17, 1845. His father, Henry Kaestner, was a stone-mason. He owned a home and two acres of land in his native country, and on selling that

property, he came to America, in 1870, with his wife and children. Making his way to Burlington, he worked as a stone-mason in this city until his death, which occurred when he was fifty-seven years of age. His wife bore the maiden name of Dora Otto, and died when nearly seventy-six years of age, having survived her husband for nearly a quarter of a century. Her death occurred Jan. 21, 1902. There were three children in the family, of whom Henry is the eldest. The others are: Wilhelmina, the wife of Frederick Rike, of Burlington; and Fredericka, the wife of William Schade, of Los Angeles, Cal.

Henry Kaestner spent his early boyhood days in Germany, and acquired his education in the public schools there. In his youth he learned the stone-mason's trade, and several months prior to his parents' immigration to the New World, he came to the United States, making the voyage on a sailing-vessel which weighed anchor in the harbor of Bremen, and eleven weeks later reached the port of New York. When he landed in the latter city he had not a cent of money. It was winter then, and two feet of snow lay upon the ground. With others, he was sent to South Carolina by an employment agency, and there he was engaged in plowing and in raising cotton and corn, spending six months in that way. He afterward went to Alabama and Tennessee, where he was employed in farm labor for three months, and on the expiration of that period he came to Burlington with five dollars in his pocket. The family had, in the meantime, arrived in this city, and Mr. Kaestner joined his parents and sisters here. He was first employed in

Burlington at pulling lumber from the river for the Rand Lumber Company, and when his labors had brought to him sufficient capital to enable him to make an investment in land, he purchased a small tract, which was covered with timber. He cleared forty acres of this, and then sold the property and removed to the old Jones farm north of the city, where he remained about thirteen years. He continued to engage in agricultural pursuits until his retirement from active business life. He was the owner of a farm on Irish Ridge road, five miles northwest of Burlington, in Burlington township. In 1903, however, he sold his farm of one quarter section to his son, Joseph Kaestner, who resides thereon, while Henry Kaestner removed to Burlington, and purchased his home there at 826 Ash Street.

Mr. Kaestner was married at Burlington to Miss Augusta Miller, in October, 1871. She was born in Hanover, Germany, and came to the United States with Mr. Kaestner's parents, in 1870. Her death occurred Aug. 11, 1904, and she was buried in Aspen Grove cemetery, at Burlington. There were seven children born of that marriage: Henry, who married Martha Ward, and is engaged in farming near Yarmouth, Iowa; Joseph, who married Lulu Strothman, and is residing upon the old homestead farm; Frank, who married Clara Zirkelbach, and follows farming near Yarmouth; Charley and Willie, who are engaged in painting, and live at home; Emma and John also at home.

Mr. Kaestner is a member of the Re-organized Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints, and has been identified therewith for thirty-two years. He is a teacher in the local organization, and the

family are also members of the same church, which is situated at the corner of Twelfth and Locust Streets. Mr. Kaestner has served for several terms as school director, and is a Republican in his political views. He is now living retired, in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil.

CHARLES FREDERICK KLINE.

A FINE representative of the younger generation of business men of Des Moines county is Charles Frederick Kline, who was born in Yellow Springs township, Jan. 24, 1871. He is the son of John B. and Lizzie (Beere) Kline. His father has been identified with the agricultural interests of this section of Iowa for many years, as well as occupying a substantial position in the business life of Des Moines county. Mr. Kline was reared upon the paternal farm, and interspersed his home duties with an attendance at the common schools of the township, wherein he acquired a fair education. He remained at home till he was twenty-two years old, when he entered as a partner in the butcher-shop with his uncle, H. C. Kline, in which partnership he continued for five years. During this time he had become well acquainted with the different parts of the trade, as well as gaining a good knowledge of the shop department, and in 1898 purchased his uncle's interest, and managed this alone for three years with much success. After this he sold the shop back to this uncle, and was general manager of the Mutual Telephone Company for the following three years.

In 1905, together with his brother, H. S. Kline, he fitted up a neat meat-market on

Main Street, buying the property of Samuel Heizer, and which was conducted by Mr. Heizer as a real estate, loan and notary public office. Here they put on sale a nice stock of meats, and are now supplying the greater part of the village with meats and poultry.

Nov. 18, 1896, Mr. Kline was married to Miss Hattie Y. Corder, daughter of John and Mary (Sutton) Corder. This union has been blessed with a son and a daughter: Erma, born Feb. 24, 1898, and Ralph Ruthven, born October 2, 1901. Mr. and Mrs. Kline are faithful members of the Methodist church, attending regularly, and giving liberally to the support of the church. He is a valued and respected member of the Masons, joining the order in Mediapolis about 1899. Politically, he is a stalwart Democrat, but does not care to hold public office. Mr. Kline, though young in years, has established a reputation for business sagacity and energy, and combined with other excellent characteristics, inherited and acquired, gives promise of a successful career.

JOHN BELLESS KLINE.

JOHN BELLESS KLINE, who has developed from a tract of wild land his present fine farm, now owns one hundred and twenty acres of very valuable land. He was born in Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, May 26, 1841, his parents being Samuel and Sarah (Krupp) Kline, who on their removal to the West became residents of Franklin township, Des Moines county. Here the son pursued his education in the district schools, and was reared to farm life. The occupation which claimed his energies in

his youth has also proved the source of his success in manhood; and although he is now practically living retired, he still owns valuable farm property and gives supervision to the operation of his land. Only on one occasion were his farm labors interrupted, and that was when, with patriotic spirit, he responded to his country's call for aid, enlisting, Aug. 29, 1862, as a member of Company G, Thirty-ninth Iowa Infantry. He was enrolled at Dodgeville, and mustered in at Davenport, and he served for almost three years, receiving an honorable discharge at Clinton, Iowa, in 1865. Although he participated in a number of hotly contested battles, he was never known to falter in the performance of the soldier's full duty, and with a most creditable military record he returned to his home.

Mr. Kline at once resumed the occupation of farming, and in 1877 he purchased a tract of land, on which he took up his abode, making it his home for a long period. He bought one hundred and twenty acres on Section 35, Yellow Springs township, and thirty-one acres in Benton township, and placed all of the improvements upon the property. He is here engaged in stock-raising, and at the present writing has twenty-six head of cattle. He feeds a carload of cattle and hogs each year, for which he finds a ready sale on the market, and his well-developed business interests have made him one of the prosperous agriculturists of his community.

Feb. 10, 1870, Mr. Kline was married to Miss Lizzie D. Beere, a daughter of Charles and Ann (Ruthven) Beere. Five children grace the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Kline: Charles F., Lula B., Iva, Hugh, and John. They have also lost three children: Jessie E., who was their second-born; and Anna

and Franklin, who were the fourth and fifth, respectively, in order of birth.

Mr. Kline is now a valued representative of the Grand Army post at Mediapolis, in which he has held all of the offices, serving as commander for a number of years. He is likewise affiliated with the Masonic fraternity at Mediapolis, and has twice been master, while at the present writing he is serving as senior warden. He has likewise been its representative to the grand lodge, and at all times his life is in harmony with the beneficent spirit of the craft. Mr. Kline has been loyal and faithful in citizenship, not only in days of war but also in times of peace, and in community affairs is interested, giving valuable support to many progressive measures which have contributed to the upbuilding and substantial improvement of his section of the county.

MICHAEL W. MURPHY.

THE influence and efforts of M. W. Murphy have ever been given for the substantial improvement and advancement of town and county, while his loyalty in citizenship is one of the salient features of his career. His native talent has led him out of humble circumstances into success through the opportunity that is the pride of our American life; nor is his success to be measured by material standards alone, as he has developed that type of character which makes for higher ideals in business and in society as well.

Mr. Murphy, or Mike, as he is familiarly called, is a son of William and Mary (Kane) Murphy, and was born in the city of Rochester, N. Y., Aug. 21, 1857. Both

parents were natives of Ireland, and emigrated to America in 1856, soon after their marriage. In the old country Mr. Murphy was a stock-raiser, he and his seven brothers being very successful in that business. He remained but a short time in Rochester, coming to Burlington, Iowa, in 1858, where he immediately obtained work in grading for the Burlington and Missouri River Railroad. He had been employed only a few months when he met with a most terrible and painful accident, which incapacitated him for active labor of any kind for the remainder of his life. While the men were digging, the bank caved in and buried Mr. Murphy several feet under the earth, which broke his back, and for sixteen years he was compelled to lie in bed almost as helpless as a babe.

In 1873 he was relieved of his great sufferings by death, being fifty-two years old. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy were blessed with two sons, John W., and Michael W., of this review. By the accident which befell Mr. Murphy, his young wife was compelled to earn the entire living for her helpless family. She was a woman of much strength of character, possessing great activity, and took up her burdens with Christian fortitude, burning the candle at both ends for months at a time. She was of a very aspiring disposition, and determined that her two sons should have a substantial education. Through the kindness of her friends she was enabled to obtain work, and also care for her crippled husband. Her pathway was not always an easy one, as she had many hardships to endure; but she kept up a brave heart, and struggled on and on until she had accomplished the education of her children, and then set about with renewed courage to assist her eldest son, John, to

attend college in preparing to be a priest. Words are all too feeble to express half the true worth of this good mother. She did not know what the word fail meant in any of her arduous undertakings.

The last few years of her life, however, were spent in a more comfortable way, as her sons did all in their power to reciprocate for all the hardships she had undergone for them. She lived to see one of them become a city officer, and the other one a priest of much ability. For several years previous to her death she was a great sufferer with rheumatism, and in November, 1904, was brought from the home of her son, Father Murphy, to St. Francis Hospital, in her old home town, where she had resided for so long. Her death occurred Nov. 24, 1904, and Father Murphy paid the last tribute of respect to her by celebrating the mass at her funeral. Her sons laid her to rest in Sacred Heart cemetery, beside her departed husband. Besides the two sons, she left several nieces and nephews to mourn her death. She was the last of her mother's three daughters to pass away. By the lives of such true, good, and devoted women as Mrs. Murphy represented, certainly earth is made better and brighter; and though years may come and go, nothing can blot out the lovely character of Mary Murphy.

Our subject received his first schooling in the North Hill school, and was later a pupil at the Sisters' school of St. Paul's church. He also attended Mr. Graff's private school for several terms. When quite a lad he apprenticed himself for two years in the machine department of the Novelty Iron Works, owned by the late James Whitaker. In 1874 he went to work for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, and

learned the trade of a molder, where later he served as foreman for one year. He still works in the molder's department in West Burlington, and is a man of ability, and one who has met with much success in life.

Politically, Mr. Murphy has always been a strong Democrat, and in 1890 he was elected by this party as alderman for the third ward, which office he filled for four years, to the satisfaction of all. Fraternally, he is a member of Excelsior Lodge, Ancient Order of United Workmen, and also of the Iron Molders' Union, in which he has held all the offices from that of president down, and was an honored delegate to the international convention at Detroit, Mich., in 1890. He is also a member of the Knights of Columbus, and of the Eagles.

Oct. 12, 1904, Mr. Murphy was married to Miss Mary Caroline Siegel, a daughter of C. C. and Mary (Zaiser) Siegel, both natives of Germany, who came to America about twenty-six years ago, and settled in Burlington, where for some years Mr. Siegel worked for the firm of Funck & Hertzler, in the blacksmith department. He is now engaged in the car department in the shops located in West Burlington. Mr. and Mrs. Siegel are both a little over fifty years old, and reside in their pleasant home at 119 South Sixth Street, being held in the highest regard by all who are associated with them in the walks of life. They are the parents of nine children, seven of whom are living.

Mrs. Murphy was born in Germany, March 27, 1874, and received her education in the grammar schools of Burlington. She and her husband are members and regular attendants of St. Patrick's Catholic church. They have one son, William J., born July 12, 1905. Through his great activity, un-

tiring energy, and progressive spirit, Mr. Murphy has accumulated considerable property, among which is his cosy home at 936 Washington Street. He is deserving of much credit, not only for his individual success in life, but also for the manly manner in which he assisted his mother during the illness of his father and his mother's widowhood. Such a career is well worthy the emulation of many a young man with life before him.

John W. Murphy, brother of Michael Murphy, was born in Carlisle, Cumberland county, England, June 20, 1855, and was fifteen months old when his parents brought him to America. When a very young lad he attended the Sisters' school in Burlington, and later was a student in North Hill school when Mr. Dehass was the principal. He also attended the private school of Mr. Graff for several terms. Laying his studies aside he was anxious to learn a trade, and selected that of a carriage-maker, spending four years with Mr. Glazby acquiring this knowledge.

At the end of this time he had a great desire to enter college and prepare himself for the priesthood. Owing to straightened circumstances at home he was compelled to help himself. Through his devoted mother's efforts he made a start, and in 1875 attended Calvary College, in Wisconsin, which was a preparatory school for the higher colleges. The next year he took a course in St. Francis College, in Wisconsin. His vacations were spent in working to aid him in finishing his education. In 1878 he entered St. Vincent's College, at Cape Girardeau, Mo., and remained there six years.

Possessing much of his mother's pluck and great ambition, and desirous of pushing his way to the front, he was fortunate

to secure employment as conductor on the street-cars in Chicago during the years of 1880 and 1881. Becoming able to finish his course, he went back to college at Cape Girardeau, and graduated with high honors June 17, 1884. July 12, 1884, he was ordained in Chicago, by Archbishop Feehan, in the cathedral of The Holy Name.

Returning to Burlington, Father Murphy celebrated his first holy mass in St. Patrick's church, July 21, 1884, when hundreds of old friends and associates gathered in respect and esteem for Father Murphy, who by his own determined efforts had achieved the goal, and reflected great credit not only upon himself, but also on those most near and dear. His first charge was at Churchville, Warren county, Iowa, where he remained four years. In 1888 he went to Perry, Dallas county, Iowa, and had a charge there till 1895, when he made another move, locating in Modale, Harrison county, Iowa, whence he attended three missions,—Mondamin, Little Sioux, and Magnolia. From the time that Father Murphy entered the priesthood until the fall of 1904, his home was made bright and cheery by his mother, who presided over it.

Father Murphy has traveled a great deal during vacations, in search of health, and has the rare and happy faculty of imparting knowledge thus gained to those about him. He is broad and liberal in his views, possessing a wonderful memory and a large warm heart. The favorable judgment which the world passed upon him at the outset of his professional career has been in no degree set aside or modified; but on the contrary, has been emphasized as the years have gone by, owing to his capability in the line of his chosen calling. Rich and poor, high and low, love and respect him.

JOHN THOMAS LEE.

JOHN THOMAS LEE, a representative of the farming interests of Yellow Springs township, was born in Bartholomew county, Indiana, Nov. 8, 1835, and was brought to Iowa by his parents, in the spring of 1836. Robert W. and Martha (Bramham) Lee, who, working their way westward proceeded down the Ohio and up the Mississippi River, arriving at Burlington, which at that time contained only a few log houses. An old blacksmith shop afforded shelter for the family until the father could build a more substantial and modern home upon their farm. The land had been entered by a Mr. Phelps, who sold the property to Mr. Lee, the latter paying for it as his crops brought to him sufficient financial return. All of the improvements have been made thereon by the Lee family, who, in early days endured many of the hardships and trials incident to frontier life, but they overcame these by persistent and earnest effort. There were one hundred and sixty acres in the original purchase but the father extended the boundaries of his property from time to time until he had a good farm of two hundred acres, which he later divided among his children. He also left with them an untarnished name, for he worked persistently and honorably and was respected by all for his genuine worth. He died in 1874, and his wife, who departed this life in 1885, was laid by his side in Hazel Grove cemetery. The following were the members of that family: Louvinia Ann became the wife of Alexander Watson, and died in 1904; Lucinda Jane, and Eliza, both also deceased; John Thomas; Will-

iam H., both still living; James Harvey, deceased; Martha, the wife of W. H. Thompson, lives in Mediapolis; Talitha, became the wife of O. S. Green, and died Feb. 20, 1889.

John Thomas Lee was but six months old when brought by his parents to Des Moines county and here upon the old homestead farm he was reared, assisting in the arduous task of developing new land. He has seen great changes made in the methods of farming as the old primitive farm machinery has been replaced by the modern implements of the present day. He is now living on a part of the old homestead, having purchased the interest of the other heirs in the home property, after selling his two other farms. On the 21st of July, 1894, he purchased his present home, and now has one hundred and forty-five acres of land, of which twenty-five acres are situated across the border in Louisa county. The remainder is on Section 1, Yellow Springs township, and here he follows general agricultural pursuits, cultivating his fields and also keeping about forty head of cattle and forty head of hogs each year.

On the 24th of August, 1864, Mr. Lee was married to Eliza J. Simpson, a daughter of Jesse George and Sarah (Hill) Simpson. Their home has been blessed with nine children: William Sherman, who is now living in Louisa county; Ida E., the wife of George Lane; George W., who resides near Mount Pleasant; Charles E., also living in that city; Martha T., the wife of George Drinkall, living south of Yarmouth; John P. Lee, living near Yarmouth; Louis A., a resident of Louisa county; Mary Asenath, who died at the age of

eleven and one-half years; and Henry Harrison at home.

Mr. Lee has served as assessor of his township for six years but is not holding office now, nor does he have any ambition to do so, as he prefers to give his undivided attention to his farming interests. He affiliates with the Methodist Episcopal church, and is well known in the county in which he has lived from pioneer days down to the present. He has witnessed the wonderful transformation that has occurred here, and along agricultural lines has contributed to the substantial development and upbuilding of his section of the State.

CARL ALBERT ANDERSON.

THOUGH but recently an acquisition to the business life of Mediapolis, Des Moines county, Carl Albert Anderson has demonstrated his ability to lead in commercial life, and his activity and skilled workmanship is known to all. He is the son of Andres Peter Chind and Carolina Matilda (Nelson) Anderson, and was born Sept. 2, 1873, in Smolen, Vesteveek, Sweden. He received a substantial education in the public schools of his native city. At an early age he developed an aptitude toward the harness trade, and accordingly entered upon a five-years' contract with a reliable firm in his home place. During this period he became an expert in every part of the trade, and received a good recommendation from his employers as a first-class workman.

In 1892 he started for the New World, and landed in New York, coming at once to Burlington, Iowa, where he immedi-

ately obtained employment with Richard Hassel, a harness dealer, with whom he remained for eight years. At the end of this time he was well acquainted with the people, and also with the business methods of his trade; in fact, had acquired a general conception of business equalled by few in so short a time. By his energy and great economy he was, at the end of these years enabled to start in business for himself, choosing the city of Mediapolis as his location. He is on the main street of the town, and his store contains all grades of fine harness and saddlery, and is said to be one of the largest stores of the kind in the county, his stock being valued at several thousand dollars.

Oct. 9, 1901, Mr. Anderson was wedded to Miss Augusta Charlotte Swanson, the accomplished daughter of Mr. Swanson, of Burlington, who is now dead. This union has been graced with one bright little boy, Russell William by name, who was born in Mediapolis, Iowa, Nov. 11, 1902.

Politically, Mr. Anderson is an ardent Republican, casting his first presidential vote with much pride for William McKinley. Since coming to Yellow Springs township he has taken considerable interest in politics, and has held the office of councilman for one term, being elected in 1902.

He is a man of broad intelligence and genuine public spirit. Strong in his individuality, he never lacks the courage of his convictions, and the sterling integrity and honor of his character have gained for him the confidence and respect of all men. His success along business lines is due to his close application to his trade in his younger days, and his deter-

mination to do well whatever he had to do, firmly believing that what was worth doing at all was worth doing well.

WILLIAM O. EWINGER.

ALTHOUGH William O. Ewinger entered upon his business career in connection with an industrial enterprise already established, in successfully controlling and enlarging this he has displayed the sound judgment and executive force without which such a concern could not be continued upon a paying basis. Thoroughly trained by practical experience, his unremitting energy is also a recognized factor in his business career, making him one of the leading representatives of trade interests in Burlington.

A son of Henry Ewinger, whose sketch is given elsewhere, he was born in Burlington, Nov. 20, 1864, attended the public schools, and to some extent was a student in a German school. At an early age he entered his father's plumbing establishment on Third Street, and later served a two-years' apprenticeship with the John Davis Steam Heating Company, of Chicago, serving from 1883 until 1885. Then returning to Burlington he again entered his father's shop, and when the business was incorporated, on the 1st of January, 1896, he and his brother John became partners, with their father, Henry Ewinger, as president. Following the death of the father, later in the same year, William O. Ewinger became president, while John Ewinger became secretary and treasurer. In 1889 the latter withdrew, and established an independent business, while William O. Ewinger remained at the old location, 213 North Third Street.

George Klindt was then admitted to an interest, and became secretary and treasurer. The business is still conducted as an incorporated concern, with an investment of seven thousand dollars in stock, while employment is furnished on an average to twelve expert plumbers and gas-fitters. They do a general plumbing and steam- and gas-fitting business, and have a liberal patronage. Mr. Ewinger draws the plans and superintends the work, and under his capable control the business has become large and profitable.

In May, 1888, in Peru, Ill., William O. Ewinger was married to Miss Matilda Strohm, a daughter of Peter Strohm, who was born in Germany, and is now a retired shoe merchant of Peru. His children were: Theodore; Elizabeth; Amelia Matilda; Kate, deceased; Lena, the wife of George Klindt, who is associated with Mr. Ewinger in the plumbing business in Burlington; Fred; William; Eddie; and Matthew. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ewinger have been born four children, and all are yet living: Ralph Otto, Henry William, Matilda Elizabeth, and William Frederick.

Mr. Ewinger and Mr. Chas. Lee bought out the Penrose Carriage Company, and are handling that business in good shape. Mr. Ewinger is president, and Mr. Lee is secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Ewinger is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal church, and holds membership with the Crystal Lake Club, of which he is a director, but is identified with no secret organization, except that of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He is fond of hunting, and makes it one of his chief sources of rest and recreation. He is a member of the Lone Tree Club. Social and genial in manner, he wins warm

friendships and the good-will of all, while his course in the business world commends him to the confidence and trust of those with whom he is associated. A native son of Burlington, he has risen to an enviable position in her social and business circles.

ROBERT C. JORDAN.

ROBERT C. JORDAN is prominently identified with the grain trade of Iowa, as manager at Burlington for the well-known firm of Harris-Scotten Company, of Chicago. He was born in Wyoming, Ill., Jan. 29, 1863, his parents being John and Frances E. (McCraw) Jordan. His paternal grandparents were Charles and Elizabeth (Lyons) Jordan, natives of Pennsylvania, who in 1812 removed to Ohio. They lived in Muskingum and Vinton counties, of that State, and afterward went to Iowa. Charles Jordan was a school-teacher, and followed that profession until his removal to Illinois, about 1854. He took up his abode in Valley township, Stark county. For fifteen years next preceding his death he lived with his son John, his death occurring June 17, 1883.

John Jordan was born near Zanesville, in Muskingum county, Ohio, Feb. 20, 1832, and acquired his early education in his native State. He came to Illinois in 1853, being at that time twenty-one years of age, and he secured one hundred and sixty acres of land, which he entered from the government. To this he added until he became the owner of three hundred and sixty acres. Not long after taking up his abode in Illinois he returned to Ohio, where he was married to Miss Frances E. McCraw, a daughter of Alexander McCraw, who was a soldier in

the Mexican War, while three of his sons served as defendants of the Union cause in the Civil War. Alexander McCraw departed this life when about eighty years of age. For many years John Jordan followed agricultural pursuits. He took up his abode in Valley township, Stark county, Illinois, and was engaged in the tilling of the soil until 1876, when he removed to Wyoming, also in Stark county, and four years later he joined Sylvester F. Otman in the conduct of a lumber business. At the time of the Civil War, however, he put aside all business and personal considerations, and with patriotic spirit joined Company B, Seventh Illinois Infantry, with which command he rendered signal service to his country. For a number of years he was a valued member of De Wolf Post, G. A. R., at Wyoming, and delighted in meeting his old army comrades and in recalling the scenes and incidents of life on the tented fields of the South. He was also a member of the Blue Lodge and Chapter in Masonry, and of the Order of the Eastern Star. He held various local offices, serving as supervisor of Essex township for four years, and also served as a member on the county board, while for two years he was a member of the city council of Wyoming, and served as mayor of Wyoming for two terms.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Jordan were born two sons and four daughters, namely: Julia E., the wife of W. T. Ditman, of Valley township; Martha, who married S. M. Stancliff, of Iowa, now deceased; Robert C., of Burlington; Sarah, who died aged about ten years; Laura E., of Stark county, Ill.; and a son who died in infancy. The death of Mr. Jordan occurred Feb. 25, 1901, at the age of sixty-nine years. He had early developed sterling qualities of industry and honesty

that were his guide throughout his entire life. He was known as a man of unfaltering integrity, a kind friend, a good neighbor, and a loving husband and father, and when he departed this life he was laid to rest by his fellow-comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic with all of the honors of war. He is still survived by his wife, who is now living in Wyoming, Ill.

Robert C. Jordan was a high-school student in Wyoming, Ill., and for two years attended Knox College, at Galesburg. He also pursued a year's course in Davenport, Iowa, at the Lillibridge & Duncan Business College, a branch of the old Bryant & Stratton College. His early boyhood days were spent upon his father's farm in Stark county, and with the family he went to Wyoming when a youth of thirteen years. There he to some extent assisted his father in his lumber and grain business, and in 1887 took charge of an elevator there, being in the employ of E. S. Eastman & Company, of Peoria. He continued with that firm until 1895, when he came to Iowa, and began buying grain for V. W. Bullock & Company, whom he represented until 1898, with headquarters at Burlington. In that year he joined the army as a member of Company A, First Illinois Volunteers,—a Chicago regiment,—and with the command he went to Tampa, Fla., and to Santiago, Cuba. In the siege that followed, his regiment held a position in the trenches next to the Rough Riders. Mr. Jordan was in the trenches for eight days, or until the surrender of the city, after which his company took charge of the Spanish prisoners. The First Illinois was the last regiment of the Fifth Army Corps to leave camp, embarking for the United States on the 25th of August, 1898. They then returned to Montauk Point, Long

Island, to recuperate, for almost the entire regiment was ill with fever. When Mr. Jordan joined the army he weighed one hundred and ninety-three pounds, and when he left Santiago he weighed but one hundred and twenty-seven pounds, such were the hardships and rigors of his military experience.

He was discharged at Chicago in November, and then returned to Burlington, where he again became connected with the grain trade as the representative in this city for J. F. Harris & Company. He has since remained with the firm, which is now conducting business under the name of Harris-Scotten Company. He has charge of the elevator here, and his territory also extends over southeastern Iowa, northeastern Missouri, and western Illinois, grain being purchased throughout that entire district. At the elevator he employs from twenty-five to seventy men throughout the year. He is thoroughly familiar with the grain trade, having been connected with this line of business from his boyhood days, and his position is an important one in connection with one of the most prominent firms operating on the board of trade in Chicago.

On Oct. 4, 1899, Mr. Jordan was married to Miss Hallie Kline, a native of this city, and a daughter of Mrs. Mary A. Kline. They now have one son, John.

Like his father, Mr. Jordan has always supported the Republican party, and has been active in Republican clubs and in conventions in Illinois. In 1892 he was a delegate to the national convention of Republican clubs held at Buffalo, N. Y., and was elected to the State convention of the Illinois League Clubs at Springfield. From the age of eighteen years he has been active in political work, but is without aspiration for office

for himself. He belongs to the Society of the Army of Santiago, to the Travelers' Protective Association, and to the Modern Woodmen, Camp No. 234, at Wyoming, Ill. He is also an Elk, and has attained high rank in Masonry, belonging to Malta Lodge, No. 318, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Iowa Chapter, No. 1, Royal Arch Masons; and St. Omer Commandery, No. 15, Knights Templar. He is a typical man, representing the spirit of the times, his life being in harmony with the progressive element of the Middle West. Alert and enterprising, he stands to-day prominent in business circles in Iowa, and a leading representative of one of the large corporations of Chicago connected with the grain trade.

ROBERT B. JUNK.

For a long term of years Robert B. Junk has been identified with one of the prominent business interests of Burlington, and during the entire period has enjoyed an enviable reputation for frank and fair methods. Mr. Junk was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, Oct. 24, 1839, the son of Thomas and Mary (Allen) Junk, of Scotch-Irish antecedents, the Junk family having removed from Scotland to Ireland, where the grandfather, Robert Junk, a farmer, was born about 1760, from whence he came to America about the time of the Revolution, settling in Pennsylvania. In that State he died at the age of eighty-six years. He married Elizabeth Larimer, a member of an Irish, or Gaelic, family that settled in the Ligonier valley, and they had five daughters and one son, the

latter being Thomas, father of our subject, who died Feb. 13, 1850, at the age of forty-two years. The maternal ancestors of Mr. Junk, the Allens, were also Scotch, and on coming to America settled in Fayette county, Pennsylvania.

The subsequent success of Mr. Junk is probably due in no small measure to his early training in self-reliance and independent action; for after completing his education in the common schools he started out at the age of only twelve years to make his own way in the world without assistance, first taking employment on a farm. This he continued until his seventeenth year, when he went to town and secured a place in a tinshop and store, where he was employed for three years, during which time he acquired the tinsmith's trade. He was then in Pittsburg, Pa., for six months, at the end of which time he decided to make his home in the West, and came to Iowa, locating in Van Buren county. There he remained for one and a half years, or until the beginning of the Civil War, when he felt that loyalty to the national cause required that he should sink his private interest in the public necessity and devote his powers to the service of his country. With this object in view he went to St. Louis, where on March 9, 1862, he enlisted in the Mississippi Flotilla, in which he served through the greater part of the war as a marine on the "Baltic," taking part in all the principal land and water operations from Cairo to Baton Rouge, including the celebrated siege of Vicksburg, in which he participated from March 26 until the surrender on July 4. While taking part in the operations on the Tennessee River he sustained a severe

wound in the left leg, in consequence of which he was sent to the hospital at Keokuk, Iowa, where he remained for nearly a year. He was discharged on March 9, 1865, after experiencing a very large share of all the hardships and duties of war, but continued his actual connection with the military organization for a further period of nine months, during which he served as issuing commissary at Exchange Barracks, near Fort Negley, Nashville, Tenn.

At the close of this extra service he returned to the North, locating at Keokuk, where he entered the employ of Mr. T. N. Pond on April 19, 1866. With Mr. Pond and with his successors, Pond & Company, he has ever since continued, spending the first six years in Keokuk, with the exception of the year 1867, during which he was in Van Buren county, and coming to Burlington on Feb. 12, 1872. Since the latter date he has had charge of the business as general manager, with offices at this point. The firm of Pond & Company are extensive dealers in butter, eggs, and poultry, and the immense volume of business which they now control and the large success which they have enjoyed throughout the past four decades are traceable in great measure to the energy, ability, and faithful care of Mr. Junk.

Mr. Junk was united in marriage at Keosauqua, Iowa, on May 31, 1866, to Miss Phoebe A. Nixon, daughter of Isaac and Sarah Nixon, farmers and early settlers of Van Buren county. She died a year later, survived by one child, a son, George Junk, now a resident of Denver, Colo. July 18, 1872, Mr. Junk married

his second wife, Miss Sarah E. Bennett, of Keokuk, daughter of James and Sarah Bennett, natives of Kentucky. To them was born one child, Katherine J., wife of Henry M. Salmon, of this city, who has been engaged in the drug business in Fort Madison and Burlington for many years. Mrs. Junk is now deceased, her death having occurred March 21, 1903. Mr. Junk is a member and worker in the Baptist church and Sunday-school, where he has been superintendent and also a teacher for about thirty years, both in Keokuk and Burlington; and if ever a man were entitled to a medal for meritorious service, certainly he earned the one which was bestowed upon him when he left Keokuk. He is a contributor to the support of his church and lends his aid to the various branches of its charities and philanthropies. As one interested in the public welfare, he has taken a part in the work of politics and government as a member of the Republican party, to whose principles he has ever been loyal. In his fraternal relations he is connected with the Masonic order as a member of Des Moines Lodge, No. 1, in which he is past master, and he sustains similar relations with the Iowa Legion of Honor. By reason of his great executive ability—knowledge of human nature and self-confidence born of wide experience—Mr. Junk has been able to attain to a high rank in the business world, and at the same time has won universal esteem and respect by reason of the sterling virtues which have marked his career, namely, his high self-respect, uprightness, and unfaltering integrity, always mingled with a genuine regard for the rights of others.

RALPH P. CADY.

RALPH P. CADY, who is rapidly attaining a leading position in the insurance circles of Des Moines county, Iowa, was born in Danville township, Sept. 23, 1861, a son of Ebenezer and Martha (Clingman) Cady. The family was among the very early settlers of Iowa, the first representative in the West being Edwin Cady, born April 18, 1799, in Brooklyn, Wyndham County, Conn., and married at that place on April 9, 1827, to Miss Lydia Cole, who was born Nov. 29, 1798. They came to Des Moines county, Oct. 12, 1837, and here passed the remainder of their lives, being the parents of five children, as follows: Charles, who enlisted Dec. 21, 1861, in Company E, Fifteenth Iowa Infantry, served through the Civil War as a sergeant, was mustered out at Louisville, Ky., July 24, 1865, and died April 26, 1869; George, now of Keota, Iowa; Ebenezer, now of Danville, Iowa, and father of our subject, born Dec. 26, 1831, at Brooklyn, Conn.; and Edwin C., a Baptist minister of Monmouth, Ill. Martha (Clingman) Cady, who was born in Scioto county, Ohio, is the daughter of Cyrus Clingman, born June 20, 1800, and died Sept., 1899, aged ninety-nine years and four months, his demise occurring in Iowa, whither he brought his family in 1850. He was twice married, his first wife being a Miss Richards, who died in Ohio, and his second wife Miss Emma West, whose death occurred about 1897. He was the father of a large family, of which the members now living are: Ransom, of Danville, Iowa; Mrs. Ebenezer Cady, also of Danville; Elizabeth, wife of John Neil, of Winfield, Iowa; Aaron, of Cawker City, Kans.; John, of Shenandoah, Iowa; Priscilla, wife of

John Parrott, of New London, Iowa; Belle, wife of H. C. Seymour, of Danville, Iowa; and Sarah, wife of Edward Fleagle, of Winfield, Iowa.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Ebenezer Cady took place Feb. 3, 1853, and they have since enjoyed a long and prosperous career in the county, among whose pioneers they are numbered, and the work of whose development they have helped largely to perform. In February, 1903, they celebrated their golden wedding, the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage, and for the entertainment of the numerous friends and relatives gathered at their home in Danville recalled many memories of pioneer days that spoke volumes for the marvelous progress which has marked the Middle West during the last half century. To them have been born six children: Frank, of Winfield, Iowa; William, of Cawker City, Kans.; Ralph P.; Lester E., of Schreve, Ohio; Fred, of Danville township; and Myrtle, wife of Woods Irwin, also of Danville township, Des Moines county.

Ralph P. Cady was from his early years habituated to the work of agriculture, being reared on his father's farm one and a fourth miles west of Danville Center, now included within the limits of Danville, and his education was obtained in the public school, he attending the Cedarville district school, located on Cedar Creek. At the age of twenty-four, deciding to take up other work than that of the farm, and leaving the parental home for that purpose, he began his individual career. In November of 1884 his marriage took place, and in March of the following year he located at Danville, where three years later he purchased a home, and for fourteen years he was engaged in the work of a cream route, during

that time gathering cream from the surrounding territory in the forenoons, and devoting the afternoons to other work. In 1890 he bought an interest in the Wilcox grocery and general store at Danville, in which he continued for a period of twenty-two months, but at the end of that time the partnership was dissolved by the retirement of Mr. Cady, in 1892.

Still making Danville his place of residence, he was engaged in insurance work very successfully from 1894 until 1903, acting as local agent for the "Continental" Fire Insurance Company and having charge of all the rural territory in Des Moines, Lee, and Henry counties. On July 27, 1903, he removed to Burlington, establishing his office, in the work of which he is assisted by his son, at the family home, and since making this his place of residence he has added city risks to his other business, now carrying a large number of policies in Burlington. The home, a large modern structure erected in 1897, is located at 826 North Eighth Street, and presents a handsome exterior. It is fitted with all late conveniences, including steam heat and gas. Besides this residence property, Mr. Cady owns a farm of eighty acres in Danville township, which he rents.

Nov. 12, 1884, Mr. Cady was united in marriage at Danville to Miss Anna M. New, born in Danville township, May 24, 1862, a daughter of D. M. New, who was born in Indiana and is now living retired in Danville township, where he owns a valuable farm. Mr. New was married in Danville township to Miss Melissa J. Duke, and to them have been born three daughters and two sons, these being Mary, wife of A. J. Lewis, of Danville; Anna M.; Mrs. Cady; Wesley D., of Tacoma, Wash.;

Eila, wife of M. C. Parrott, of New London, Iowa; and Stephen W., deceased.

To Mr. and Mrs. Cady has been born one child, a son, Edwin Cyrus, born Jan. 9, 1886. He received his preliminary education in the schools of Danville, from which he was graduated before removing from that place, and is also a graduate of Elliott's Business College, of Burlington, having been a member of the class of 1904. He is a young man of marked ability, and will act as his father's assistant and associate in the insurance business, upon the duties of which he has already entered. Mr. and Mrs. Cady are widely connected among the better-known families of Des Moines county, there being in Danville alone fourteen families who claim kinship with them.

Mr. Cady is a member and worker in the First Methodist Episcopal church of Burlington, and at Danville was active in religious work as recording steward and member of the church's official board, giving much time and earnest effort in the endeavor to widen the circle of beneficent influence wielded by that organization. He also has fraternal connections, having become a member, in 1895, of Danville Lodge, No. 48, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in which he later held the office of secretary; and also sustaining membership relations with Fair Camp, No. 4223, Modern Woodmen of America, of Danville, in which camp he held for two years the office of Worthy Advisor. In his political affiliation he is identified with the Republican party, but has never been active in affairs of practical politics to the extent of seeking public honors for himself, being content to wield his influence in the cause of efficient government.

That Mr. Cady possesses business and

executive talent in a remarkable degree is evident from a study of the facts of his career: for when he took the agency of the "Continental" Insurance Company at Danville, that company had not a single policy in the township, while at the present time, as a result of his constant and able efforts, it controls the bulk of the business, not only there, but throughout an extensive territory, of which he has sole charge. He devotes his entire time to the work, principally in driving over the farming districts, and the proportions of his accomplishments up to the present moment are being rapidly enlarged. That the business structure which he is building will prove permanent, there is no room to doubt, for the company which he represents is known as the equal of any, while his personal characteristics of honor, uprightness, and strict fairness in all his dealings have secured for him universal and unshakable confidence. While he has labored faithfully and well in his chosen field, his aids have been his great adaptability, the frank and open manner that bespeaks character, and his genial and social disposition, so that it may almost be said that success has been his by natural right. He enjoys a large and valuable acquaintance in southeastern Iowa, and has many warm friends.

HON. FRANK HATTON.

ONE of the most famous and popular of Des Moines county's newspaper men was Frank Hatton, who later in life was postmaster-general under President Arthur. He came of a Virginia family, his grandfather, Bolen Hatton, who served in

the War of 1812, being a native of that State. His father, Richard Hatton, was born in Fairfax county, Virginia, in 1805, and later moved to southeastern Ohio.

Frank Hatton was born in Cambridge, Ohio, April 28, 1846. Later the family removed to Cadiz, Ohio, where Richard Hatton published the *Cadiz Republican*. From his earliest days Frank was intimately connected with newspaper work, for which he had a marked aptitude and a great liking. Under his father's supervision he learned the printer's art, and laid the practical foundation for his subsequent successful newspaper career. It was his facetious disclaimer that he was not a "journalist," but a "newspaper man," and the secret of his success rested in part upon that eminently practical distinction. When only eleven years of age he became foreman of his father's office, a position from which, after a time, he turned to take up the duties of local editor. It is more than presumable that he made the local columns spicy and up to date. He had a wonderful "nose for news," and was never happier than when achieving a "scoop."

In 1861, when but fifteen years of age, he ran away from home and enlisted as a drummer boy in the Fifteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Captain Bostwick telegraphed Frank's father to know whether he should send him home or swear him in. The reply, prompted by pure patriotism, was, "Swear him in." He was promoted to a lieutenancy before he was twenty, and served until the close of the war. On returning home he induced his father to purchase the Mount Pleasant (Iowa) *Journal*, and joined him in the publication of the



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paper until his father's death, in 1869, when, with his brother-in-law, the Rev. G. W. McAdam, he purchased the office. He was appointed postmaster at Mount Pleasant in 1873, and served a little more than one year, when he resigned, and in connection with C. Y. Wheeler, purchased the Burlington (Iowa) *Hawk-Eye*. Later he bought out Wheeler's interest, and began improving the paper greatly. He secured the services of "Bob Burdette" as city editor, and subsequently made him managing editor. Mr. Burdette continued in that position until 1877, when he began to lecture, still sending his humorous contributions, however.

In 1879 Mr. Hatton was appointed postmaster at Burlington by President Hayes, notwithstanding he had sharply criticised the president's Southern policy and his civil-service reform sympathies. Mr. Hatton was an out-and-out party man, and believed the victorious party should control the appointments, and then be held responsible to the country. His experience as postmaster at Mount Pleasant enabled him to at once drop into the work of the Burlington postoffice, and give the public good service. When Garfield came into the presidency he intended to appoint Mr. Hatton first assistant postmaster-general. President Arthur carried out the arrangement. Mr. Hatton was indorsed for the place by Grant, Conkling, Logan, and a large number of leading Republicans from various States, including the entire Iowa delegation in Congress, State officials, etc. He threw great vigor into the postoffice department, and made important reforms. He favored increased mail facilities rather than reduced postage. He persuaded Postmaster-General

Gresham to institute the fast-mail service west of Chicago, and he inaugurated the special delivery, which has become a valuable factor of the postal service.

In October, 1884, Judge Gresham retired from the office of postmaster-general, and Mr. Hatton was promoted to the position. He continued to be postmaster-general until the close of President Arthur's administration, and was proud of the fact that he was the youngest cabinet officer in the history of the United States government.

Mr. Hatton had much to do with the *National Republican* while in Washington, but at the close of President Arthur's administration removed to Chicago, and became part owner and editor-in-chief of the *Chicago Mail*, which he made a vivacious evening issue. Later he became editor-in-chief of the *New York Press*. In January, 1889, he formed a partnership with Hon. Beriah Wilkins, an ex-Democratic member of Congress from Ohio, and bought the *Washington Post*, which was founded by Stilson Hutchins, in 1877. Mr. Wilkins took charge of the business department, and Mr. Hatton the editorial management, making it an independent journal, one of great influence, and a financial success.

Mr. Hatton was stricken with paralysis, while at work at his desk, and died April 30, 1894. The *Baltimore American*, commenting at the time upon his career, said:

"Mr. Hatton was an alert and able newspaper man. He could work very fast when necessary. Twice while he was editor of the *Post* he got out, unaided, extra editions of his paper. Once was when the defalcation of Silcott, clerk to the sergeant-at-arms of the House of Rep-

representatives, was discovered. Silcott had run away with a lot of money belonging to members of Congress, and of course the town was in an uproar as soon as the rumor began to travel around. Mr. Hatton was one of the first to hear of it, and he jumped into a cab and gave the driver a dollar extra to run his horse all the way to the office of the *Post*. On arriving there he found there wasn't a printer, editor, or reporter in sight. He telephoned for the pressman, sent the business-office clerk out after newsboys, and threw off his coat. He did not stop to write out the copy, but set up in type just what he had heard about the sensation of the morning. As soon as he had finished this part of his task, he 'made up' the forms, stereotyped the page with the aid of the janitor, who had a little experience as helper to the boss of the metal pot, and within an hour of the moment at which he had heard of Silcott's flight had the newsboys on the streets selling papers. This was a remarkable feat for one man to perform, but it only shows what an all-round printer can do when he sees an opportunity to beat all rivals."

On many occasions these characteristic qualities of alertness, quick decision, and prompt action were displayed in his management of the Burlington *Hawk-Eye*. The paper soon acquired a foremost place among Iowa journals, and achieved a national reputation. When General Grant returned from his trip around the world he was induced by Mr. Hatton to spend three days in Burlington, and was greeted with a copy of the *Hawk-Eye* printed on silk as a memento of the occasion.

Mr. Hatton's characteristics included unswerving loyalty to personal and polit-

ical friends, adherence to principles regardless of expediency or popular clamor, plain-spoken frankness, an untiring ambition, and limitless faith in the success of whatever he undertook. His personal qualities gave him extended popularity and contributed to his successful career.

J. WILLIAM LOWRY.

J. WILLIAM LOWRY, local manager for the Standard Oil Company at Burlington, Iowa, was born at Warsaw, Ill., Sept. 28, 1861, a son of William and Emma (Shaw) Lowry. His grandfather, John Lowry, was a native of Pennsylvania, and came West with his family to Adams county, Illinois, about the year 1844, engaging in farming there, and also establishing himself in his trade of blacksmithing, which he continued until the coming of distilleries to Warsaw, when he opened and operated a cooper shop.

His son, father of our subject, was by trade a cooper and blacksmith; but when only twenty-one years of age he enlisted from Van Buren county, Iowa, on Feb. 9, 1864, in Company C, Third Iowa Volunteer Cavalry. At Ripley, Miss., June 11, 1864, he sustained a severe wound in the head, and was mustered out of the military service on May 16, 1865, by a special telegram from the war department, dated May 3, that year. As a consequence of this wound he suffered from enfeebled health until the time of his death, which occurred in 1898.

The mother of our subject is a daughter of John Shaw, who came West to Adams county about the same time that

the Lowry family settled there. By trade a gunsmith, John Shaw was also a musician, and a maker of musical instruments. On coming West he first located at Nauvoo, Ill., prior to the settlement of the Mormons there, and at that place he engaged in the making of guns. When the town became the center of Mormonism he was compelled to secretly smuggle his product to the outside world, and in time the situation became so intolerable that he removed to Adams county, where he died at an advanced age, survived by his wife, whose demise occurred at Monmouth, Ill., when she was nearly ninety years of age.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lowry were born the following children, who still survive: Minnie, wife of John Tout; J. William, the subject of this review; Bessie, who is unmarried; and Alfred and Walter, residents of Keokuk.

The father was well known, and occupied a prominent place in fraternal circles, in which he was a faithful worker. He was a member of the Masonic order from his twenty-first year until his death, at which time he held membership in Hardin Lodge, No. 29, at Keokuk; and in Keokuk Lodge, No. 13, Independent Order Odd Fellows, of Keokuk. He was taylor in Hardin Lodge, and held office in the chapter, the commandery, and the Eastern Star, holding these offices continuously for twenty-seven years, being absent from only three meetings during the whole time.

From his early years J. William Lowry has been trained in the self-reliance which brings success; for when only thirteen years of age he began earning his own living by working at the cooper

trade, which he learned at Keokuk, whither the family had removed in 1862. And it may be said that his education in useful industry began still earlier, as he was his father's assistant in the work of the Adams county farm.

In Keokuk he also worked in the planing mill of S. C. and S. Carter, and also became proficient in running a stationary engine, holding a position as engineer for two years in Adams county, and acting as fireman some time for the Keokuk & Northwestern Railway Company. He was employed as engineer in the Keokuk Stone Works for about three years, with the firm of Garmo & Humes for two years, with Henry Schmidt & Sons one year, and for two seasons on the "General Barnard," a steamer engaged in clearing the channel of the Mississippi River of snags and other obstructions.

From May to July of 1897 he was in the employ of the Standard Oil Company, at Bloomfield, Iowa, and from September to April of the following year returned to his trade, with Fred Hilpert, of Keokuk; from April to October was spent on the river, as before mentioned, and in May, 1899, he re-entered the service of the Standard Oil Company, as foreman of the warehouse at Keokuk. This position he occupied until February, 1901, after which he acted as traveling salesman for approximately eight months, and in September, 1902, was promoted to the agency of the company at Burlington, which is the office he holds at the present time.

In March, 1887, Mr. Lowry was united in marriage to Miss Lilly M. Johnson, a native of Keokuk, and daughter of Rob-

ert Johnston, of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Lowry are members of Colfax Lodge, No. 4, Daughters of Rebekah, and Mr. Lowry's fraternal connections are very extensive, he being a member of Puckeche-tuck Lodge, No. 43, Independent Order Odd Fellows, of Keokuk, of which he is past grand; of Red Cross Lodge, Ancient Order United Workmen; and of the Keokuk organization of the Royal Arcanum; and he was for a time secretary of Lodge No. 10 of the National Association of Steam Engineers at Keokuk.

In matters of politics, as deeply affecting the good of the commonwealth, he takes a constant interest, and in all questions of national policy supports the Republican party, although in local and municipal issues he prefers to maintain an independent attitude, relying upon his individual estimate of men and measures presented, rather than mere partisan bias.

As a man of shrewd and discriminating business judgment he has been able materially to advance the interests intrusted to his charge in Burlington and surrounding territory, while at the same time his just and honorable methods have won him universal praise and esteem, and it can fairly be said that no man enjoys to a higher degree the confidence of those with whom he comes in contact, both for his signal success and for his personal qualities of frankness, uprightness, and integrity.

JOHN HENRY REIPE.

HON. JOHN HENRY REIPE has been favored with public honors to a greater extent, perhaps, than any other citizen of

Flint River township. The various offices of trust all came to him as a favorite of the party and the people, and his great popularity is due to his ability, integrity, and reliability.

He is a son of Albert and Henry Anna Maria Ilserbrand (Reipe), of West Phalen, Prussia, Germany, where his birth occurred Jan. 7, 1836. The parents moved to Niagara county, New York, in 1851, where they remained till 1854, when they started West, and chose Burlington, Iowa, as their future residence. He owned a farm of forty acres in Section 3, Flint River township, and resided on the same till his death, which occurred Nov. 15, 1877. He had been married twice, his first wife, mother of our subject, dying in Germany in 1846. About a year after this Mr. Reipe married Miss Catherine Woehrheide, also of Germany.

Hon. John Reipe received a thorough education in German in the land of his birth, attending the common schools, and upon his arrival in New York his father sent him to learn the English language in the county schools of Niagara county. He remained with his parents on their farm till 1861, when he bought forty acres of land in Section 10, and later added more to it, until now he owns about one hundred and five acres in Sections 3 and 10, in Flint River township. He has made many improvements on the place, and has one of the most comfortable homes in the county. He raises a few head of stock, and farms the greater part of his large farm with good results.

In politics Mr. Reipe has always been of the old school, and one who has accomplished much for the party of his choice, as well as for the township. He

first began his political career in 1862, as road supervisor, which office he held for many years, and in 1880 he was elected clerk and served for fourteen consecutive years. He was twice elected to the office of justice of the peace, served several terms as assessor of the township, and at present is the faithful secretary of the school board. He has filled all of these several offices of trust with great care and to the entire satisfaction of his party and the people in general. In 1881 he assisted to organize the German Mutual Fire Association of Des Moines county, and was elected treasurer and appraiser of the company, which positions he still fills with justice to all and credit to himself.

In 1862 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. John Henry Reipe and Miss Julia Anna Bruer, daughter of Frederick and Carolina (Zerling) Bruer. By this union twelve children were born, eight of whom are now living. Three died in infancy, and Paulina, who married H. Fink, died in mature years. Mr. and Mrs. Reipe have taken great interest to give their children good educations, and fit them for capable men and women. They are both prominent and worthy members of St. John's Evangelical church, in Flint River township, where Mr. Reipe has been the beloved deacon for forty years. He is a most enthusiastic and conscientious follower of the teachings of his denomination, and is always ready to do anything in his power to promote the church. Widely and favorably known in Des Moines county, he certainly deserves representation in this volume, and it is with pleasure that we present to our readers his life record.

HERMAN H. RIEPE.

HERMAN H. RIEPE, postmaster, is one of the enterprising business men of Sperry, where he is engaged in general merchandizing and in the grain trade, and his activity and integrity in business, his fairness in his opinions, and his genuine personal worth have made him a man of influence in the locality where he resides. His birth occurred in Westphalia, Germany, March 23, 1846, his parents being Henry and Mary (Volbrink) Riepe. Leaving their native country in 1850, they took passage on a sailing vessel which eventually reached the harbor of New York, and for four years Mr. Riepe worked as a laborer in the Empire State. In 1854 he arrived in Burlington, and a year later bought a farm of eighty-six acres in Benton township, owning and operating that place until 1865, when he sold out, and bought one hundred and five acres in Franklin township. In 1880 he purchased fifty-six acres of land in Flint River township, to which he removed, and resided there until 1903, when he sold his different tracts of land and removed to Sperry, where he is now living retired.

Herman H. Riepe, whose name introduces this record, was reared under the parental roof, and acquired his education in the public schools. During much of his life he has been identified with agriculture, although he is now connected with commercial interests in Sperry. In the meantime, however, he had carried on other pursuits, for after his marriage he was for twelve years engaged in carpentering and contracting. He then removed to his father's old homestead farm, where he devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits for fourteen years. On Jan. 1, 1894, he came to Sperry,

where he established a general mercantile store and grain business, building the grain elevator in 1900. Here he handles corn and small grain, and makes extensive shipments annually, while his business gives a good market to the producers in this part of the county. As a merchant he is also prospering, carrying a well-selected line of goods and conducting a first-class mercantile business.

On Dec. 16, 1875, Mr. Riepe was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Beckman, who was born in Franklin township, and is a daughter of Charles and Sarah (Gondry) Beckman. This union has been blessed with five children: Charles, at home; George; Frank, who is a carrier on the rural free delivery route; Walter J.; and Clara. Mr. and Mrs. Riepe are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which faith they have reared their family. In his political views he is a Democrat. He served as justice of the peace for two terms, was also constable for several terms, and was appointed postmaster of Sperry in January, 1894. He received his first appointment under Cleveland's administration, and was reappointed under McKinley, holding the office continuously until April 1, 1901, when he resigned. He was reappointed, however, the following September, thus having served almost continuously for eleven years. This, together with the fact that he is a Democrat (gold), and held through under Republican administrations, speaks more plainly than words of the esteem and popularity with which he is held by the people. No public trust reposed in him has ever been betrayed in the slightest degree, his loyalty to the general welfare being one of his marked characteristics. His business record is alike commendable, for at all times he has worked

diligently and along lines of honorable activity for the accomplishment of success, which is the goal of all business endeavor.

CHARLES H. RIEPE.

CHARLES H. RIEPE, who is serving for the second term as assessor of Franklin township, was born in this township Sept. 15, 1876, his parents being Herman H. and Caroline (Beckman) Riepe. The father was born in Germany, while the mother's birth occurred in Des Moines county, Iowa; but her father, Charles A. Beckman, was likewise a native of Germany, in which country Henry Riepe, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was also born.

Herman Riepe came with his parents to New York, and was employed in that State until 1855, when he removed westward to Burlington. Soon afterward the family took up their abode on a farm in Benton township, and Herman Riepe remained with his parents until he had attained his majority.

He learned the carpenter's trade in early manhood, and for some years followed that pursuit; but resumed agricultural life and was identified with farming interests in Franklin township until 1895, when he came to Sperry and purchased the general store formerly owned by Jacob Dean. Here he has since carried on general merchandizing, and has likewise, with the exception of a period of six months, served as postmaster at this place since 1895. He is one of the leading business men of the village.

Charles H. Riepe completed his edu-

cation, which had been begun in the district schools, by a course of study in Rising Sun, Iowa, in 1895; and since that time has been connected with his father in the conduct and management of the store. In his political views he is a Democrat, always giving stanch support to the party. In the fall of 1902 he was elected assessor, to which position he was re-elected in the fall of 1904.

HENRY H. RIEPE.

HENRY H. RIEPE, who has passed the eighty-seventh milestone on life's journey, was born in Prussia, Germany, April 3, 1818, his parents being Albert and Catherine (Herslink) Riepe. He acquired a common-school education, and in 1851 crossed the Atlantic to New York. From this city he made his way direct to Lockport, N. Y., being six weeks and one day on the journey from his old home to his destination. He secured employment on a farm near Lockport, where he remained for four years, and thus provided for his family, consisting of his wife and four children.

The year 1855 witnessed the arrival of Mr. Riepe in Burlington, and here he worked on the streets for six months. At the end of this time he purchased fifty-three and a third acres of timber land in Benton township, on which he built a log cabin, and at once began clearing the farm; cutting down the trees, grubbing out the stumps, and clearing away the brush, until the greater part of it was cleared and under cultivation.

Nine years later, after losing his first

wife, he sold this farm and removed to Franklin township, purchasing ninety acres of land, to which he added until he owned one hundred and seventeen acres. Subsequently he bought fifty-five acres in the southeastern part of the township and removed to that place, living thereon until 1903, when he again sold out, and took up his abode in Sperry; here he now lives, but expects soon to make his home with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. August Quelle, in Benton township.

Mr. Riepe was first married in April, 1837, Miss Annie Hoecamp becoming his wife. They traveled life's journey together for five years, and she passed away in 1842. In April, 1852, he married Mary Volbrink, a native of Germany, who died in April, 1872. His third marriage in August, 1872, was to Rosina Schmidt, who was born in Burtonburg, Germany, and is still living. There was one son by the first wife, Fred, who is now engaged in the grocery business in Burlington, Iowa. The children of the second marriage are: Henry, of Mediapolis; Herman, who is postmaster of Sperry; and William. The children of the third marriage are: Mary, the wife of Henry Bishop; Mrs. Lydia Schaele, a widow, living at Pleasant Grove, Iowa; Catherine, the wife of August Quelle, of Benton township; and August, who is living in Lee county, Iowa.

Mr. Riepe is a member of the Lutheran church, and since becoming a naturalized American citizen has given his political allegiance to the Democratic party. He has served as road supervisor, township trustee, and school director, and has always been loyal to the general welfare and active in support of every measure

which he has believed would contribute to the public good. The success which he has achieved in life has come as the direct result of his own labors. Now, in the evening of life, he is enjoying a well-earned rest, respected by his fellow-men because of his fidelity to honorable and manly principles as the years have gone by.

JOHN ELICK RIEPE.

JOHN ELICK RIEPE is numbered among the native sons of Des Moines county, his birth having occurred on the old home farm in Franklin township, March 18, 1872. His parents were John H. and Amanda (Minnick) Riepe, and in their home the days of his boyhood and youth were passed, his attention being devoted to the work of the fields and the care of the stock. He thus received practical training in the labor to which he has given his time and energies since attaining man's estate. He mastered the elementary branches of English learning as a student in the district schools of his native township, and throughout his business career he has followed farming.

In 1903 he purchased the Gust Abrahamson farm of fifty-three and three-quarters acres in Section 21, in the southern part of Yellow Springs township, and here he carries on general agricultural pursuits. His fields are well tilled, and his place well stocked. He works persistently and earnestly, in order to gain a comfortable competence for himself; and all that he possesses has been acquired entirely through his own efforts.

On March 18, 1896, Mr. Riepe was

married to Miss Minnie A. Ward, a daughter of John Wesley and Ruth (Smith) Ward. They now have two interesting children: Ruth, born July 21, 1897; and May, born Oct. 20, 1898. They also lost one daughter, Minnie Maude, who was born July 25, 1901, and died Sept. 12, 1904.

Politically, Mr. Riepe is a Democrat. He takes an active interest in local affairs, and gives his co-operation to all measures which he deems will prove of public benefit.

GEORGE HUTCHCROFT.

GEORGE HUTCHCROFT, who is well known throughout this portion of Iowa as a pioneer and leading farmer of Des Moines county, and as one who has borne a prominent part in the public activities of his day, is of English nativity, having been born in Yorkshire, Sept. 6, 1839. Endowed with an enterprising disposition, unusual ability, and a spirit of sturdy self-reliance, he early decided to seek his fortune in the New World, and in 1866 came to the United States, landing at the port of New York in May of that year. Thence he came westward direct to Iowa, and located in Yellow Springs township, Des Moines county.

Mr. Hutchcroft is the second of thirteen children of John and Mary (Ripley) Hutchcroft, both natives of Yorkshire, England. The father was born in 1817, and was married in November, 1836, followed the occupation of farming. He came to the United States in the autumn of 1867, bringing his wife and the remainder of the family; and following the

example of his son, who had preceded him the previous year, he came to Iowa and located in Yellow Springs township. There he at first purchased a farm of forty acres, to which he subsequently added, until his holdings aggregated one hundred acres. This farm was situated northeast of Mediapolis, and there he established an excellent home for himself and his family, bringing the land under cultivation, erecting a good house, and making many other improvements. He engaged in farming and the usual amount of stock-raising with success, continuing to operate the farm until the time of his death, which occurred May 25, 1899. A public-spirited man, he was a member of the Republican party, but the activities of public life never appealed to him.

The widow of John Hutchcroft was born March 8, 1817, in Yorkshire, England, and died May 6, 1905, aged eighty-eight years. She was the mother of eleven children, nine of whom are still living: Ann, now deceased, was the wife of John Lane, a farmer of Yellow Springs township; Elizabeth, widow of William Drinkall, resides in Washington township on the Edward McClarkin farm; Sarah Ann, deceased, was the wife of George Dotterwich, who resides in the city of Burlington, Iowa; Mary, wife of Henry Moody, of Winfield, Iowa; Georgiana, wife of Robert Affleck, of St. Paul; Anna, wife of James Jordan, of Burlington, Iowa; Eliza, wife of Theodore Randolph, of Burlington, Iowa; Render, a farmer, residing in Colorado; Edwin, a farmer, of Warren county, Iowa; and Thomas, of Yellow Springs township, Des Moines county.

George Hutchcroft, the subject of the

present memoirs, received a good education in the common schools of his native county of Yorkshire, and also assisted in the management and work of the home farm, so that his early training and experience were eminently fitted to win him success in dealing with the practical affairs of his after life. On coming to Yellow Springs township he secured work by the month on the farm of Mr. Bell, with whom he continued for a period of three years. Having become familiar with American methods, he then rented a farm, which he operated for one year, and at the end of that time he purchased, in Washington township, a farm of eighty acres, which he still owns. Removing to this farm in 1872, he resided there continuously until May, 1904, engaged during that time exclusively in general farming and the raising of farm stock. He increased the original farm by further purchases, until he now owns two hundred and forty acres, all under cultivation, this fact indicating the great success which has attended all his efforts. On the first eighty acres he erected a large and substantial dwelling-house, and by the installing of many modern improvements and the introduction of the most progressive and approved methods of farming, made the establishment a model of its kind, and one of the best-equipped and managed farms in Des Moines county. In 1904 he removed to the village of Yarmouth, where he purchased a fine tract of fourteen acres, and erected the commodious and comfortable house which forms his residence at the present time. Here he is now living in retirement and the enjoyment of the fruits of a life well and worthily spent.

In January, 1871, Mr. Hutchcroft was united in marriage to Miss Jane Krinkall, who was born in Lincolnshire, England, and came to America about 1868. She is now deceased, her demise having occurred at the home in Washington township in 1882. She was a member of the Methodist church, and was a woman of ability and beautiful Christian character. To Mr. and Mrs. Hutchcroft were born two sons and two daughters, as follows: Albert, a farmer of Decatur county, Iowa, married Miss Clara Stromberg, and has one child, Bernice; Robert, also a farmer of Decatur county, married Miss Lucy Marshall, who was born in Des Moines county, a daughter of Alvin Marshall, and has three children, Robert, Marshall, and Walter; Mary, wife of Fred Sickman, born in Washington township, resides on her father's farm; and Jessie, wife of Charles McCann, who resides in Washington township, and operates a portion of Mr. Hutchcroft's farm. All the children of Mr. Hutchcroft were born in Des Moines county.

Mr. Hutchcroft has been an interested witness of the many improvements which time has brought to Des Moines county, and, moreover, has done his full share in making this section what it is to-day, one of the richest and most prosperous farming regions in the Middle West. He has been twice married, his second wife being Miss Anna Harrison, whom he wedded at the city of Burlington, March 12, 1890. She was born in Yorkshire, England, a daughter of Abram and Jane (Leek) Harrison, her father being a farmer. Mr. Hutchcroft formed her acquaintance while on a visit to his boyhood home in

England, and she returned with him to America. She is a member of the Methodist church, and maintains a helpful interest in its work, in which our subject has also been prominent for many years, supporting the work of the church generously from his ample means. The welfare of the public schools has also formed one of his chief subjects of interest, for he believes that in the wide diffusion of education among the people lies the main reliance and safeguard of popular liberties and American institutions. For this reason he has given much time and thought to the work of the schools, and while a resident of Washington township served as school director for the long term of twelve years. As an influential member of the Republican party, he has borne an important part in shaping the course and policy of local government in his own community and in Des Moines county. As an acknowledgement of his ability, and in token of their trust in his high-minded integrity, the people of Washington township also elected him to the highest office within their gift, that of township trustee, and on the expiration of his initial term honored him with a re-election. He has a wide circle of acquaintance and many friends, and these, as well as the material prosperity which he enjoys, have come to him because of his own merit; for he started practically alone in the world, without capital or other resource, and has, unaided, won position and the general regard and respect. To such as he the best prizes of life belong by right, and it is one of the most encouraging things which it is possible to mention that a man may by legitimate methods win great success.

JAMES JACKSON.

JAMES JACKSON, of Franklin township, is a representative of one of the old colonial families. His great grandfather, and his grandfather, William Jackson, were in the Wyoming massacre, when the Indians fell upon the little, unprotected town in Pennsylvania and ruthlessly murdered nearly all of the men, women, and children there. William Jackson and his father, however, were among the few who made their escape to the fort.

William Jackson, Jr., father of our subject, was a native of the Keystone State, born in Luzerne county, where he wedded Jerusha Inman, who was also a native of that county, and a daughter of Edwin Inman. With several neighbors, William Jackson, Jr., emigrated westward, making his way to Des Moines county. This was in the year 1840, and he purchased four hundred acres of land in Franklin township.

In 1842, having completed his arrangements for a home in the West, he brought his family to Iowa, making the journey to Pittsburg by wagon, and thence by boat down the Ohio and up the Mississippi River, to Burlington. His farm was only twelve miles from that city. He had purchased a claim from a man by the name of Buckhart, who emigrated to Oregon. About one-half of the land was raw prairie. Mr. Jackson fenced the place and made improvements thereon, continuing its cultivation and developments until his death, in 1846. At that time his eldest son, Edward, took charge of the farm, and the mother continued to reside upon the home place until her death, which occurred in 1862.

James Jackson, who was born in Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, April 4, 1831, was a youth of about eleven years when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Iowa. Here he was reared upon the old homestead farm; and the daily life of the pioneer settler, with its hardships and privations, its pleasures and joys, became familiar to him. After his father's death he continued upon the old homestead with his mother until his marriage.

March 9, 1854, he wedded Miss Mary A. McMichael, who was born in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Archibald McMichael, who was a native of the Keystone State. Her mother bore the maiden name of Mary McLaughlin, and was born in Philadelphia, Pa. They came to Des Moines county in 1840, making the journey by canal to Pittsburg, and thence crossing the Allegheny Mountains on the old gravity railway.

Mrs. Jackson spent her girlhood days with her parents, and was trained to the duties of the household; so she was well prepared to take charge of a home of her own at the time of her marriage. Her father was one of the government surveyors, and was prominent and influential in public life. He served in the State Legislature for one term, when Iowa City was the capitol. Mrs. Jackson's maternal grandmother was twice married, her first husband, A. Frazier, being one of the body guard to King George the Third, of England.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Jackson have been born the following named: William W., of Mediapolis; Minnie, the widow of John Barnes, also of Mediapolis; Edward, of the same place; Rose, the wife of J. E.

Collier, a resident farmer of Henry county, Iowa; Lucy, the wife of J. A. Cowger, of Mediapolis; Lewis, who died in 1895, at the age of twenty-eight years; Susan, who died in 1885, at the age of eight years; and Abbie E., who is at home with her parents.

After his marriage Mr. Jackson rented a farm in Franklin township for two years, and then returned to the old homestead. He resides upon a part of this farm, and has made it his place of residence continuously since 1856. He is regarded as one of the enterprising and well-to-do agriculturists of the community, and has led an active, useful, and honorable life. At one time he was a member of the Grange, and for two terms he has served as assessor of his township, to which office he was elected on the Democratic ticket. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church.

Familiar with the history of the county from pioneer times, he has vivid recollection of this section of the State when much of it was wild prairie land, the native grasses growing to great height. The streams were unbridged, and the timber largely uncut; but there came to Des Moines county a band of sturdy pioneers,—men and women of resolute spirit and strong determination, who have through their well-directed labors made the county what it is to-day.

WILLIAM HARVEY JACKSON.

WILLIAM HARVEY JACKSON, for many years interested in general farming in Franklin township, was born in Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, Nov. 28,

1829, his parents being William and Jerusha (Inman) Jackson, who were also natives of Luzerne county. The father was born in 1793. In the year 1842 the family came to the Middle West, taking up their abode in Jackson township. The journey was made by team from their old home in Pennsylvania to Pittsburg, thence down the Ohio and up the Mississippi Rivers, reaching Burlington in the spring of that year. The father had previously purchased land in the vicinity of Sperry, becoming owner of one hundred and sixty acres of prairie land and an equal amount of timber land. He resolutely set to work to develop a new farm in the midst of a pioneer district, but was not long permitted to enjoy his new home, his death occurring the following year. He was survived for some time by his wife, and their eldest son took charge of the old homestead.

William H. Jackson, whose name introduces this review, was a youth of twelve years when the family came to the West, and has since lived in this county. His education was acquired in the public schools, and he received ample training at farm labor upon the old home place, where he remained up to the time of his marriage, which was celebrated on Feb. 6, 1851. The lady of his choice was Miss Adeline Wassom, who was born in Tennessee; a daughter of Jonathan Wassom, also a native of that State, who came to this county some years after the arrival of the Jackson family.

Subsequent to his marriage William H. Jackson resided for two years upon his father-in-law's farm, and then purchased eighty acres of land on Section 3, Franklin township, for which he paid ten

dollars an acre. With renewed energy and determination he began the further development and improvement of this property, and has added to his place until he now owns one hundred acres in Franklin township and twenty-five acres in Benton township. It was wild prairie when it came into his possession, and he at first erected a rough cabin, but in course of time added substantial and modern buildings to his farm, erecting his present residence in 1868. In all of his work he has been enterprising and progressive, and his life industry is indicated in the excellent appearance of the home place.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Jackson have been born nine children: Edward Andrew, now connected with the Iowa Soap Company, of Burlington; Catherine, at home; Lewis, a farmer, residing near Muscatine, Iowa; Henry, a farmer in Louisa county, Iowa; James, a resident farmer of Franklin township; Edith, the wife of Frank Doran, of Huron township, this county; Emma, the wife of Edgar Jackson, of Benton township; Jessie, who died July 19, 1877, at the age of seven years; and John, who is operating the home farm, carrying on general agricultural pursuits. The wife and mother died June 29, 1879, her death being deeply deplored by many friends.

Mr. Jackson was one of the charter members of the Grange, and has always been interested in everything pertaining to the agricultural development of the community. His political allegiance is given to the Democracy, and he is a member of the Baptist church. For more than six decades he has lived in this county, and is therefore numbered among the

pioneer settlers. He was one of those who early followed the Indian occupancy of this district, and he lived here when deer and other wild game could be had on the prairies by the hunter. His interest in community affairs has always been that of a public-spirited citizen, and he is to-day regarded as one of the prominent and respected agriculturists of his township.

JOHN W. McLAIN.

THE building interests of Burlington are fairly represented by John W. McLain, who for nearly thirty years has constantly manifested a most commendable spirit of enterprise in connection with the material advancement of the city. Mr. McLain was born in Uniontown, Pa., Dec. 24, 1849, a son of William Henry and Elizabeth (Winders) McLain, the father of our subject being the son of Ephraim McLain, of Pennsylvania, and of Scotch descent, while the mother was of Pennsylvania Dutch parentage. William Henry McLain, by trade a shoemaker, removed in 1876 to Kansas, where he engaged in farming until his death. His wife also died in that State, near Andover, twelve miles east of Wichita. One son, James A., is a wealthy farmer in the vicinity of Andover, and two daughters reside in Andover, these being Mary, widow of Joseph Lyons, and Jennie, wife of William Belford.

In 1855 our subject removed with his parents from Pennsylvania to Illinois, locating in the village of Chili, Hancock county, and it was there that he passed his early years and obtained his education in the public schools. It was there that he was

residing at the time of the Civil War, and although the father of the family was of too advanced an age to be accepted for military service, and the sons too young, all were enthusiastic supporters of the cause of the Union; and when a company of infantry was formed in Hancock county, the elder McLain, and also our subject, became members of a drum corps which did service in recruiting.

That Mr. McLain is entitled to be called a self-made man he owes to two facts; namely, that he enjoyed the advantages of an excellent home training, and that his boyhood and youth were not passed in idleness, but were devoted to self-development and to learning the lessons of labor. Another point in his favor was that he early began the pursuit of a useful application, taking up at the age of seventeen the trade of carpentering, which he has ever since followed. While yet young he mapped out an independent course of endeavor, and in order to carry out his ambitions came to Burlington on March 19, 1868, and took employment at the carpenter's trade, which, however, he had not yet learned so thoroughly as to satisfy himself. He therefore as a preliminary served an apprenticeship with Richard Howard, who is still living in Burlington at the age of ninety-two years. After working for eight years as a carpenter he began his career as a contractor in 1876, doing general contracting in partnership with John A. Uhler, now traveling for the Gilbert-Hedge Lumber Company, and later forming a partnership with Mr. Dalgleisch, who is now located on Fifth Street. In this, his life work, Mr. McLain has achieved the most unqualified success, both in the pecuniary and material sense of amassing a comfortable competence, and in

the sense of having contributed in a marked degree to the development and upbuilding of the city of Burlington; for he has from the first enjoyed the confidence and esteem of the public, and this has enabled him to accomplish much. Many substantial structures throughout Burlington stand as monuments of his skill, among the public buildings of his construction being St. Paul's church, the Hedge & Carpenter building, Elliott's Business College, the John Boesch building, the Saunderson School building, the German-American Savings Bank building, a large addition to the South Boundary school, an important addition to the German Evangelical church at Fifth and Washington Streets, the building at Third and Division Streets, the E. H. Carpenter building, and two buildings for Chittenden & Eastman--the mattress factory and store building on Main Street. Among residence buildings may be mentioned the country residence of David Roscum, the city residences of John Blaul, Charles Blaul, Mrs. Margaret Coulter on North Seventh Street, W. P. Foster, E. P. Eastman, residence remodeled and large barn added, E. A. McMillan, and many others--perhaps more than one hundred residences in Burlington alone; while the years 1896 to 1898, inclusive, were spent very profitably in Colorado Springs, Colo., contracting and building. Mr. McLain gives employment to an average of about thirty workmen during the building season, thus contributing largely to the general prosperity.

A Republican in politics, he is always a zealous worker for the success of his party, and usually serves as its delegate from his ward in conventions. In 1902-03 he was a member of the city council from the sixth ward, under the administration of Mayor

Marquardt, and rendered valuable and notable service to his constituents as chairman of the committee on public offices and buildings, and as a member of the fire, sewer, and water committees. Fraternally, he is a member of Washington Lodge, No. 1, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; of the local organization of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, through the chairs of which he has passed; of the Mystic Workers; of the Fraternal Choppers; and of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. In social organizations he occupies a prominent place, being a member of the Business Men's Club and of the Carthage Lake Club, in which latter he is active as a member of the board of directors.

At Chili, Ill., in 1879, Mr. McLain was united in marriage to Miss Anna C. Caine, who was born and reared in Hancock county, and to them have been born four children, as follows: Grace, who died at the age of four years; Clarence H., who was graduated from high school in the class of 1904, and acted as guide at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis; Madge, a student in high school; Arthur, a pupil in the public schools. The family occupies a beautiful and commodious home at 602 Cedar Street, and other residence property owned by Mr. McLain includes the handsome tenement at Fourth and Spruce Streets. Mr. McLain is prominent in the social life of the city as a member of the Fraternal order of the well-known P. E. O. Society, of which she was for two terms president; of the King's Daughters; as president for two years of the Burlington Federation of the King's Daughters; and as delegate a number of years to the State conventions of the King's Daughters and the P. E. O. Ladies'

Society. Miss Madge is a member of the Silver Cross Circle of the King's Daughters, and Clarence holds membership in the Burlington Athletic Club. Mr. McLain is a thorough believer in the benefits of organization for the great industries of modern life, and holds the office of president of the Burlington Contractors' Exchange. At the time of the organization of the national association at Chicago, in December, 1903, he was sent by the Burlington Exchange as its delegate to the former body, and was entertained by resident members at a performance of "Bluebeard" in the Iroquois theater, shortly before the scene of the fateful catastrophe which is now a matter of history. He is a member of the national association, and active in its interest, receiving therein the full support of the local contractors, whose respect and confidence he has always enjoyed, by reason of the absolute fairness, uprightness, and integrity of his methods. He is a highly successful man, and for this he most deserves credit because his success is distinctively his own, achieved without the help of capital, influential friends, or adventitious circumstances, and is the product of extraordinary natural gifts, one of the greatest of which is executive ability of a high order, combined with a determination which has overleaped or swept aside all obstacles, and gained for its possessor an honored and honorable place among his fellow-men.

EDWARD J. SMITH.

EDWARD J. SMITH, one of the successful and enterprising younger farmers of Union township, where he operates about two hun-

dred and seventy acres of land, is a son of Andrew and Kate Smith, and was born in the township where he now resides, March 18, 1870. An interesting sketch of his father will appear on another page in this book. After receiving a good and substantial education in the district schools of the township, he spent three years at St. John's Catholic school in Burlington. Returning home, he stayed with his father on the farm for some time, and later spent one year in the machine shop of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad located at West Burlington, where he learned much about machinery that would be of good use to him on the farm in the future. Indoor work did not seem to satisfy him as well as rural life, and he went back to his father, and worked till he was twenty-one years old. About this time he began farming on his own responsibility, renting first a farm in Middletown, which he worked three years. Selling out his stock and implements he moved to the city of Burlington, and engaged in the manufacture of boxes, which he carried on for one year. The next six months he was with the Street Car Company, at the end of which he moved onto his present place, adjoining the county poor farm. Beside the farm owned by his father, he rents other land, and is engaged in general farming and the raising of fine cattle and hogs. He is also part owner of a fine coach-horse stallion, and is in that way bettering the class of stock in the vicinity.

April 11, 1893, Mr. Smith was united in marriage with Miss Jennie Lee, of Burlington, where she was educated and grew to womanhood. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Smith were born two children, Marie and Helen. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are devoted members

and liberal supporters of St. John's Catholic church, of Burlington. He has always given his political allegiance to the Democratic party, but has never cared to hold any office of honor or trust. By his own energy and upright dealing in all things he has achieved his success in business, and at the same time won the regard and respect of all those with whom he comes in contact in the daily walks of life.

ANNA J. LANG, M. D.

ANNA J. LANG, M. D., who has been identified with the medical profession as one of its most successful members in Burlington for a continuous period of almost thirty years, was born at Belleville, Ill., Jan. 14, 1846, a daughter of Christopher Ender, a native of Bavaria, and Barbara (Beckwith) Ender, who was born at Frankfort-on-the-Main. The mother died Oct. 1, 1896, aged seventy-seven years, and her demise was preceded by that of her husband, he dying in 1867 at the age of forty-five. He lived for about thirty years at Belleville and for a time at St. Louis, and was a tailor by trade, besides owning the farm on which he died — a valuable tract of two thousand acres at Evansville, thirty-two miles from Belleville. Mr. and Mrs. Ender were the parents of eight children: Cicero, Anna J., Kate, Charles, Christina, Maggie, William, and Cecilia. They were people of most estimable character, and were faithful members of the Catholic church, of which our subject is a consistent member.

Before taking up the study of medicine the subject of this review was united in



DR. ANNA J. LANG.

marriage to J. C. Campbell, and to them were born four children, who survived: J. C.; Christina, who married Joseph Krause; Clara, wife of Morris Over; and Laura, wife of Mahlon Kauffman; also two died in youth. The father of this family died in 1872, and his widow, desiring to achieve an independent and useful career, and appreciating the immense possibilities offered by the field of medical practice for those of her sex who possessed the necessary talent and enthusiasm, entered Richardson's Medical College at St. Louis, where she pursued a thorough and rigorous course of study, and was graduated in 1877. She shortly after began practice in Burlington, where she has remained continuously since. In May, 1880, she again married, her second husband being Andrew J. Lang, who was born in Bavaria, and came in 1866 to Burlington, where he has followed the trade of stone-mason. They have two children, Louis and Louisa, and two died in infancy.

Following that tendency of the age by which the work of the learned professions has become divided into well-defined specialties, Dr. Lang has devoted her attention principally to the treatment of tumor, cancer, and all skin diseases, in which she has been signally successful. By the skill and fidelity with which she has followed her supreme object of ameliorating human suffering, she has earned the lasting gratitude of innumerable unfortunates who have been benefited by her ministrations, and has built up a large and profitable practice. She is a woman of unusual talents and great strength of purpose and character, and is regarded with the general and true esteem which is one of the best rewards of unselfish efforts.

ADAM MOEHN.

IN the prosperous and enterprising city of Burlington there are many inhabitants of foreign birth, members of families who, attracted by more progressive institutions, broader educational facilities, and the superior advantages for making a living, have come here with their talents and means intending to found homes in the new country. These valuable additions to the native population have by their industry, economy, and honorable methods become essential factors in the growth of the city. A representative of such a class is Adam Moehn, and the success which he has achieved here is the legitimate result of a long career of worthy and unflagging effort.

Mr. Moehn was born in Stambach, in the Kingdom of Rhenish Bavaria, Jan. 29, 1842, the son of Adam and Barbara (Fenrich) Moehn, also natives of Germany, and there he received his early education in the common schools. When he was twelve years of age his father, by trade a cooper, decided to immigrate with the family to America, and they embarked at Havre de Grace, France, in the sailship *Sarah Hide*, bound for New York. On Easter Sunday they encountered a terrific storm, the gale attaining such violence that the masts of the ship were blown down, thus greatly delaying the voyage, so that it was not until thirty-six days after setting sail that they arrived at New York. There they remained for six months, the father being employed at his trade, and in November, 1854, they started westward, traveling to Chicago by boat and by rail, thence to Rock Island by rail, and after waiting at the latter place six days, secured boat passage down the river to Burlington. After pro-

ceeding as far as Muscatine, however, the boat was forced to tie up on account of the ice in the river, and although the family had paid its passage and was badly in need of money, reimbursement was refused by the boat's clerk. Caught in this predicament, father and son, after writing to a brother of the elder Moehn, who resided in Burlington, set out for their destination on foot, and thus, braving the rigors of winter, strangers in a strange land and unable to speak or understand the language of the country through which they passed, they arrived after two days at the scene of their future home, where they found that their relative had received the letter written from Muscatine and had gone to that place to bring the family to Burlington in a hack, there being then no connection by rail.

After locating in Burlington, the father of Mr. Moehn was for some time employed in the cooper shop owned by William Moehn, but in 1860 opened a cooperage business for himself in Arch Street, near High Street, where he continued to pursue his useful activities until the time of his death, January, 1869. Mr. Moehn remained with his father, learning his trade, until about the year 1865, when he felt a great desire to acquire a broader knowledge of the land in which his fortunes had been cast, and decided to investigate the modes of life and work of other cities.

He first went to Milwaukee, working for a time in a cooperage shop and attending for a period of eighteen months a Catholic academy, in which he pursued especially the study of the English language. He next proceeded to New Boston, Ill., still working at his trade, and in 1871, while at Monmouth, Ill., he married Miss Sarah McQuaid, a native of Pennsylvania, she

having been born at Franklin in that State in 1852. They came at once to Burlington, and here for the first three years Mr. Moehn was employed in the cooperage establishment of Mr. Boquet, and later for a time in that of his brother Henry, who, on their father's death, had taken charge of his business. There he continued until 1880, at which time he started in business for himself in a small way on Spring Street, pursuing the work of his trade there with considerable success for ten years, at the end of which period he tore down the old shop and built a larger and more modern plant at the corner of Range and Gnahn Streets.

His present plant and entire equipment represent an investment of approximately ten thousand dollars, and the output consists exclusively of pickle cooperage, the factory being devoted to the making of barrels, kegs, and casks for the use in pickle factories for packing purposes. The annual output is fifty thousand tight barrels, of which large shipments are made especially to New York, Chicago, St. Paul, and Minneapolis, although the product of Mr. Moehn's factory is known and sold all over the United States. An average of twenty-five men is employed throughout the year, the business thus constituting one of the important enterprises of the city and adding sensibly to its material prosperity. Most of the stock used is white oak, shipped from southern forests, but in the early days of the industry the father of our subject secured his raw material from the immediate vicinity of Burlington, the finished cask representing only his own labor and that of his workmen, from the cutting down of the tree in the neighboring woods.

Mr. Moehn has one brother, Henry Moehn, residing in Burlington, and a sister,

Mrs. Zachmyer, at Pleasant and Central Avenues. In 1873 he built a home at 1119 Spring Street, where he still resides, and there have been born to him and Mrs. Moehn five children, as follows: Edward, a graduate of the Academy of Our Lady of Lourdes and of Elliott's Business College, who is a stenographer and typewriter in the Morrell packing house at Ottumwa; Nellie, residing in the old family home in Arch Street, who is the wife of Gephart Moehn, employed in Mr. Moehn's cooperage works; Anna, who died at the age of nineteen years; Frank, a graduate of the Academy of Our * Lady and of Elliott's Business College, who is a stenographer and typewriter in the offices of the Rock Island Railway at Burlington; and Mamie, who is a member of the parental household. All the children have received excellent educational advantages in the Catholic parochial schools.

Although Mr. Moehn's father was a Republican and cast his first ballot for Abraham Lincoln in 1860, he is himself a member of the Democratic party, in the soundness of whose tenets he is a thorough-going believer, and for whose success at the polls he has always been a zealous and constant worker; and in recognition of his valuable services he has been the recipient of many honors at the hands of his party and fellow-citizens. As chairman of primaries and member of the county central committee and the city Democratic committee, he has had marked influence in politics, while for five years he was alderman from the second ward of the city of Burlington, during which time he consistently discharged the duties of his office with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of his constituents, who repeatedly expressed at the polls their confidence in

his ability and integrity. As a member of the council he held the important positions of chairman of the general improvement committee, the sewer committee, the railroad committee, and the building committee, in all of which his influence and advice were of conspicuous benefit to the municipal government and assisted materially in the solution of many vexing problems of administration. He was also member of the fire, police, and other committees, and in each he was faithful to his duty as he saw it. He is still active and influential in politics, and feels a great interest in all public affairs.

Mr. Moehn is a man of plain and simple tastes, hard-working and devoted to the direction of his affairs; but at the same time his sound business judgment and shrewd appreciation of opportunity have made him highly successful in a pecuniary way, a worthy representative of the business interests of Burlington, and his honesty and uprightness have won him the respect of all who know him and made him many friends.

GEORGE GALLAHER.

ONE of the progressive and active citizens of Des Moines county, who was born in Pleasant Grove township, on the farm where he now resides, over sixty-two years ago, is George Gallaher. He is a son of George and Lavina (Zion) Gallaher, his birth occurring May 10, 1842. His father was born in the State of Tennessee, came to Iowa in 1836, and located in Pleasant Grove township, Des Moines county, his farm of three hundred and twenty acres being the one on which our subject now

resides, and which he bought of the heirs, except the life interest of his mother. When he first obtained this place it was a vast wilderness, but he set about to clear it, and from time to time added one improvement after another as they were needed. The old frame house is still standing, but his son has erected a more modern two-story building. Mr. Gallaher was a very prosperous and progressive man of his day, meeting with much success in his business career. Besides his farming operations he also raised considerable stock. His death occurred April 11, 1842, and his remains were interred on the home place. He was one of the organizers and first members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church in this section of the country, and for some years the church services were held in his home.

The mother of our subject was born in Virginia, is eighty-five years old, and resides with her daughter Mary, who is the wife of John Ritchey, a farmer of Pleasant Grove township. She, too, is a charter member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, and is the only one of the original members that is now living. She became the wife of Mr. Gallaher in Virginia when she was but sixteen years old, and became the mother of three children, two of whom are living: Benjamin, now deceased, was a wholesale grocer, and resided in Omaha, Nebr.; Amanda is the widow of A. C. De Lee, and also makes her home in Omaha; and George, the subject of this review.

Mr. Gallaher was a widower with the following four daughters when Miss Zion married him: Elizabeth, deceased, was the wife of David Brown, near New Lon-

don; Sarah, also deceased was the wife of Edward Brown, of Hamburg, Iowa; Permelia is married to Isaac Fleenor, of Nebraska; and Harriet is the widow of Norvin Bridges, and lives in Riverside, Nebr.

When our subject was ten years of age his mother married David L. Davis, of Pleasant Grove township, who was an early settler of this township, and died when he was about seventy-five years old. By this union five children were born, four of whom are living: David T., of Missouri; Milton, of Nebraska; John, also of Nebraska; Mary, wife of John Ritchey, a farmer of Pleasant Grove township; and Sarah, who died when she was five years old.

Our subject received his education in the common schools of his native township. His father died in 1841, and he lived with his step-father until the Civil War broke out, when he enlisted in September, 1861, at Davenport, Iowa, in Company K, Second Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and served till the close of the war. He was in the Army of the Tennessee, battles of Shiloh and Corinth, and with Sherman on the march to the sea, July 22 at Atlanta in the Atlanta campaign, and in the battle of Vicksburg. After being honorably discharged at Louisville, Ky., July 9, 1865, he returned home, and again took up farming on his present farm in Pleasant Grove township, where he bought out the interest of the heirs, and where he has resided ever since. He is a very successful farmer and stock-raiser, as well as a very progressive man of the day. He owns land adjoining his farm, one tract consisting of one hundred and sixty acres, and the other one of

eighty acres. The last farm, of eighty acres, he deeded to the contractor who erected his home. Mr. Gallaher's father deeded this land to build the first frame house built in the country.

On March 15, 1866, Mr. Gallaher was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Ellen Thomas, a daughter of David Thomas, one of the early settlers of Des Moines county, being a prominent farmer in Franklin township, where he died at the advanced age of seventy-seven years. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Gallaher were born four children, of whom but two are now living: (1) Rosella, deceased, was the wife of Finus E. Dodds, a farmer of Pleasant Grove township. (2) Amanda E., also deceased, was the wife of William Archer, of Colorado, and had the following eight children: Myrtle; Bernice; Gladys; Helen; Robert, dead; George, dead; Gertrude, dead; and Florence. These motherless children live with their father in Colorado. (3) Laura was born in Colorado, and is the wife of Frank Vandermark, of Franklin township, and they are the parents of three children: Lillian, Willis, and John B. (4) Winnifred is at home. All of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Gallaher were born in Des Moines county except Laura. Mrs. Gallaher died on the home place, Feb. 5, 1883.

Mr. Gallaher's second wife was the widow of Thomas Asby, of Jefferson county, who was a school-teacher, and later was engaged in the practice of law, and who died in Wapello county at the age of thirty-five years. He left five children: (1) Lillian Asby, now the wife of William B. Smith, of Washington township, a son of F. N. Smith, who is a banker of Yarmouth, Iowa. Mr. and

Mrs. Smith have two children: Margaret, deceased; and Laura. (2) Thomas E. resides in Washington township. (3) Orin lives in Mediapolis, where he clerks in the bank. (4) Eunice, who died when eight years old. (5) Paul is a mail carrier on the rural route out of Roscoe. By the marriage of Mr. Gallaher and Mrs. Asby two children have been born in Pleasant Grove township: Georgia, fourteen years old; and Benjamin L., eleven years of age. Mr. Gallaher has accomplished much for his community in the way of improvements, and was a brave and true soldier in the defense of his country. In business he has avoided the numerous quicksands of speculation, in which so many mercantile fortunes have been sunk, and has steadily accumulated a large and valuable property, and acquired the reputation of an enterprising, upright, and honorable man.

HENRY SANDBERG.

AN early settler of Des Moines county, and one who stands high in the list of her successful men, is Henry Sandberg, now residing on his large farm of two hundred and thirty-five acres, located in Sections 14 and 15, Augusta township. Mr. Sandberg is a native of Germany, in which country he was born on Aug. 22, 1844. His parents were Edwin and Mary Sandberg, and he was one of a family of seven children. His mother died when he was quite young, and in 1868 he came with his father to America. Landing at the port of New York, they came immediately to the West, and located in Des Moines

county, Iowa, but here they were overtaken by misfortune, for about four weeks after their arrival the father died, he being then in the sixty-fifth year of his age. He was a farmer, having followed that occupation during his entire life in his native land, and was a man of devout character, being a member of the Lutheran church. It was in Union township that his death occurred, and he is buried in that township.

Mr. Sandberg, upon the death of his father, began working by the month on a farm in Union township, and this he continued for approximately four years. At the end of that time he removed to Augusta township, and purchased eighty acres of land, comprising a portion of his present holdings. The land was improved, but he has made many additional improvements from time to time, and has increased the size of the farm by further purchases until he now owns two hundred and thirty-five acres, the larger part of which is under cultivation. On his removal here he took up his residence in the log house which then stood on the farm, but he has recently erected a large two-story frame dwelling and a number of other buildings, thus making his one of the model farms of this part of the county.

In 1872 Mr. Sandberg married Miss Minnie Blume, who was born in Burlington, Iowa, a daughter of William and Mary (Schultz) Blume. Mr. Blume was among the pioneer settlers of Augusta township, making his home on the farm on which our subject now resides, and died at his home in this township when about sixty years of age. Mrs. Blume died in May, 1905, at the age of eighty-

one years. Mrs. Sandberg, who was reared and educated in the city of Burlington, is now deceased, her death having occurred at the farm home in 1898 in the forty-first year of her age. In all her relations with those near and dear to her she was kind, loving, and devoted, and as a member of the Lutheran church she led the beautiful life of a true Christian. She was the mother of seven children, as follows: Lydia, now deceased, was the wife of Peter Dietz; Mary, died at the age of one and one-half years; Eda, at home; Herman, resides at the parental home; Carl and Clara, twins, died when about eighteen months old; and Albert, the youngest, still at his father's home. Thus out of a family of seven children of Mr. and Mrs. Sandberg, but three survive. All the children were born in Des Moines county.

Mr. Sandberg has long been one of the best-known workers in the ranks of the local Democratic party, and as a man of diamond character and rigid integrity and honor, holds the confidence of his neighbors and fellow-citizens to an unusual degree. In token of their regard, and as a proof of their trust in his probity and ability, they have at various times elected him to a number of the public offices of Augusta township, and for several terms just past he has occupied the office of trustee for the township, and still holds that honorable position. Faithful to all duties, he has ever generously supported the cause of public morality and religion, and is a prominent member and worker in the Lutheran church, in which he has often held the various official positions. It is generally recognized by those who know his life history that his character is one

of strength and decided qualities. Success he has won by his own efforts and in spite of many difficulties, and the main factors in his achievement are firmness and resolution, coupled with strict integrity in every relation of life. A successful farmer, a good neighbor, and an ideal citizen, he has made many friends, and gained for himself a standing before the world which no man may impeach.

AARON BOYER.

AARON BOYER takes rank as one of the very early settlers of Iowa, and he and his ancestors have played a worthy part in the development of this portion of the State. His grandfather and his father, Peter Boyer, were the most prominent pioneers of Henry county, this State, where they laid out the town of Salem and built the first house at that place. There they also did much to develop the agricultural and business resources of the country, a fact for which they deserve the highest credit; for in those remote days the men who ventured forth into the wilderness, where civilization and industry were at best but a doubtful experiment, were compelled to exercise supreme courage, self-sacrifice, and boundless determination without hope of great reward for themselves, trusting only to leave a glorious heritage for coming generations.

Peter Boyer was born in Ohio, where he for a time engaged in farming, but he was attracted by the possibilities of the West, and came to Illinois at a very early day. He settled in Hancock county, but remained there only a short time, remov-

ing thence to Henry county, Iowa. In the latter county he platted the town of Salem, where he devoted himself to various pursuits, including farming, and to some extent the mercantile business; while in addition he was one of the pioneer brick manufacturers of the place, thus aiding materially in its early development. He resided at Salem until the time of his death, which occurred in 1844, when he was approximately forty years of age. He rapidly became a man of influence and standing in the new community which he founded, and his untimely end was the occasion of genuine regret.

In his political allegiance he was a staunch Whig, but he never sought to enter the distracting whirl of public life, preferring rather to devote his talents to private affairs. He chose for his wife Miss Cecilia Street, who, like himself, was born and reared in the State of Ohio. She was a member of a good old Quaker family. She was a daughter of Aaron Street, who moved from Ohio to Salem, Iowa, where he became a successful merchant and hotel keeper, and where his death occurred when about eighty years of age. Cecilia Street Boyer was the mother of eight children, seven of whom attained to years of maturity and still survive. Her death occurred in her eighty-third year at Big Mound, Lee county, Iowa.

Aaron Boyer, the subject of the present article, was born in Hancock county, Illinois, May 15, 1835, and when only six weeks old removed with his parents to Salem, Iowa. He was but ten years of age when his father died, and on the removal of the family, in consequence of this sad event, from the farm where they

were then residing to the village of Salem, he began his education in the subscription school of that place. Later, however, he continued his studies at Mount Pleasant and at Burlington, with much success. He remained in Salem until his fifteenth year, at which time his mother removed to Burlington, Des Moines county, and he began his independent career by obtaining work on a farm in Union township, thus exhibiting early in life the qualities of self-reliance and determination which have since made him successful. After being employed in this manner for some years, and so gaining the necessary experience in the practical details of agriculture and farm management, he rented a farm in Union township. This he conducted until about 1870, by which time he had, by the practice of economy, industry, thrift, and good business judgment, accumulated a fair-sized capital, and with this he purchased a farm in Augusta township. With this new venture he was occupied, with entirely satisfactory results, during a period of three or four years, at the expiration of which time he sold the land in order to purchase his present farm in Union township. This comprises one hundred and eighty-four acres of the very finest agricultural land, located in Section 6. The farm was well improved at the time of making the purchase, but Mr. Boyer has by constant study and care added much to its outward appearance and permanent value. He has engaged principally in general farming along the usual lines, but has also given great attention to stock-raising in accordance with modern ideas, and in both has achieved remarkable success.

In Union township on April 7, 1859, Mr. Boyer wedded Miss Sarah A. Walker, who was born in Union township, Des Moines county, Iowa, a daughter of James Q. and Louise (Short) Walker. Her father was born in Ohio, and thence came to Iowa about the year 1835, locating in Des Moines county and purchasing a farm in Union township, where he conducted general farming operations and the usual amount of stock-raising. His was one of the large establishments of the county, consisting of about three hundred acres, and his position among the leading agriculturists of his day was one of prominence. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, to whose support he always generously contributed and was devoted to good works. He died at the age of eighty-three years, while his widow, who survived him for three years, died in her eighty-first year. Mrs. Walker, who was also a native of Ohio, was the mother of the following children: Sarah, wife of our subject; Catherine, wife of Henry Magle, whose name stands at the head of another chapter of this work; and Charles, who resides at the original home place in Union township. Mrs. Boyer, who remained at the home of her parents until her marriage, received a good education in the schools of her native township. To Mr. and Mrs. Boyer have been born seven children. These are: James Edward, now a farmer and residing in Union township, married Miss May Van Dyke, of Union township, and has two children, Beatrice and Chalmer; Angeline, died when four years of age; Mary L., died at the age of ten months; Frank, residing on a farm in Union township, married Miss Emily Barnett, and

has two children, Lorea and Earl L.; Cassie, is a member of the parental household; Gail, at home; and Charles, now conducting a fruit ranch which he owns, near Santa Ana, Cal., married Miss Margaret Nau, daughter of Samuel Nau, of Des Moines county.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyer enjoy to a very marked degree the respect and esteem of all who know them, and while he has never cared for or sought any public recognition of his undoubted merits, he has at sundry times received election to the various offices of his township, being chosen on the Republican ticket, as he is a conscientious adherent of that party. The fact of his life for which he deserves especial credit is that he has achieved success by his own efforts and without outside aid, thus winning that somewhat trite but still expressive and noble title of self-made man. The liberal share of worldly goods and respected station in the community which he has gained, has been gained by simple force of character.

SAMUEL E. WELCH.

SAMUEL E. WELCH, an honored veteran of the Civil War, and one of the early settlers and much-esteemed citizens of Des Moines county, now residing in the village of Middletown, was born in Washington, Iowa, July 16, 1841, and came to Des Moines county in 1845 with his parents, John D. and Mary (Elliott) Welch. The father was a native of Virginia and came to Iowa in 1838, locating in Washington county, where he followed

farming until 1845. He then removed to Danville township, Des Moines county, where he purchased two hundred and fifty acres of land, which he cultivated and improved for some time. On selling that property he took up his abode in Middletown, where he lived a retired life until called to his final home at the age of fifty-four years. His wife was born in North Carolina, and they were married in Iowa. Her father was Samuel Elliott, who came to this State in 1838, settling in Union township, where he followed farming for many years. He then removed to Danville township, and later lived retired in Middletown until his death, which occurred when he had reached the advanced age of eighty-three years.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for Samuel E. Welch in his boyhood days. He remained at home until twenty-one years of age, and then responded to his country's call for aid, enlisting in 1862 as a member of Company C, First Iowa Cavalry, with which he served until the close of the war. He took part in several of the principal engagements, but most of his service was on the frontier. He was, however, wounded at the battle of Little Rock, Ark., and was in the hospital for some time. He was discharged and mustered out at St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 5, 1865.

When the country no longer needed his services Mr. Welch returned to his home in Danville township, where he carried on farming, and later purchased a small farm of forty acres in Middletown. There he erected a large and handsome dwelling-house, which he has since occupied, and here he is engaged in general

farming and stock-raising, having a well-developed property.

In 1866 Mr. Welch was married to Miss Mary Cline, who was born in Augusta township, Des Moines county, and is a daughter of Wilson S. and Maria (Brown) Cline, both of whom are now deceased. Mr. Cline was born in Indiana, and came to Iowa at an early day. Throughout his entire life he engaged in farming. Mr. and Mrs. Welch became the parents of two children: Nellie M., the wife of David O. Crawford, a farmer of Danville township; and Charles C., who assists in the operation of the home farm. He married Myrtle Lyon, but she is now deceased.

In his political views Samuel E. Welch is a Republican, having continuously supported the party since attaining his majority. He belongs to the Presbyterian church, and gives support to all that tends to promote the upbuilding of his community.

HENRY ANTON PETERSON.

HENRY ANTON PETERSON is rounding out a well-spent life as a helpful citizen of Burlington, Iowa. A native of Germany, being born in Pelvan, North Schlesvig, Nov. 3, 1836, and is the son of Irean Cornelius and Johanna (Lierman) Peterson.

He grew to manhood at his father's home, receiving such education as the schools afforded. Our subject was very successful in gardening in the old country till he made up his mind to come to America. He made this trip in 1879, and came direct to Burlington, where his son Herman lived. For a number of years he was a valued employee of the Rand Lumber Company.

Mr. Peterson married Miss Gustina Matilda Simpson, daughter of Lefrick and Johanna (Brodcraft) Simpson. They were blessed with two sons: Herman Cornelius, who came to America in 1876 with his uncle, John C. Peterson, and married Miss Sophia H. Madison, daughter of Mads Hansen, (Danish way of naming children). This union was graced by seven children: Elma, Martin, Sophia, Mary, Harry, Minnie, and Henry. Minnie died at two years of age, and Henry at the age of three months. Herman C. learned the butcher business first, and worked at it for some time, and is now employed at Casper Heil's Brewery. Politically, he is a staunch Republican, also a valued member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen and of the Fraternal Union.

Irean Cornelius, the second son of our subject, died at the age of twelve years, and in August, 1892, Mrs. Peterson passed away, and is buried in Aspen Grove cemetery, Burlington, Iowa.

Since her death Mr. Peterson has been very lonesome, and has made his home with his son Herman, who lives at 527 Montgomery Street.

The character of Mr. Peterson is upright and honorable, his manner courteous and pleasant, and he has many friends and kind neighbors who respect him highly.

JACOB SCHOLER.

AMONG those who have come from foreign lands to become prominent in business circles in Burlington, is Jacob Scholer, who for more than fifty years has resided in this city, and is now a prosperous vint-

ner. His prosperity has been won by strict adherence to the rules which govern industry, economy, and unswerving integrity.

Mr. Scholer, a son of Henry and Sallie Scholer, was born in Switzerland, Nov. 3, 1830. He grew to manhood in his father's home and received a good education in his birthplace, having completed the course in the high school. He also learned the trade of a machinist, serving a complete apprenticeship, which he followed till he came to America in 1852. It took him seventy days to cross the briny deep, coming by way of New Orleans. Here Mr. Scholer took a boat on the Mississippi River, stopping at St. Louis, but as the cholera was so bad he came to Burlington, two months later, where he worked as a machinist for four or five years. Becoming tired of inside work he decided to go to farming, and bought ten acres of land south of town and just north of what is now Crapo Park. His house and that of his son are the only ones of the kind in this part of the State. They are similar to the Swiss chalets. The house being built on the steepest place of his farm, is three stories high in front and only one at the back. It is a very pretty piece of architecture, and gives one a very good idea of how the dwellings in Switzerland are built. It is on this place that part of Black Hawk Spring is located, receiving its name from the noted Black Hawk Indian who with his tribe once lived there. To look at this beautiful place now one can scarcely realize in what a wilderness it was when our subject purchased it. The land was mostly covered with dead trees and brush, and there were no direct roads or streets leading to it. To-day Mr. Scholer's home and land lies in the city limits, where the land is in a high state of cultivation. Besides his large

vineyard, which yields more than two hundred and fifty gallons of wine annually, there are also fruit orchards. Another great attraction of this romantic home is that the longest "Shoot the Chutes" in the country, ending in a natural stream of water, is located here, which was operated by John and Jacob Scholer, sons of the subject of this review. Now the electric street-cars pass the house, carrying hundreds of people in the summer time for a visit to the vineyard, a ride on the "Shoot the Chutes," a stroll through the inviting orchards, or for a beautiful view of the "father of waters," where one could stand and linger for time indefinite and meditate on the wonderful beauties of nature, and praise Him who fashioned it all for mankind.

Mr. Scholer was married a few years after coming to Burlington, to Mary Giger, daughter of Andrew Giger, by whom he had seven children: Elizabeth, married Peter Broderson, and has one child, Mamie; Annie, married Robert Sheridan, and died; Lena, the widow of Charles Kerns, has two children, Mary and Florida, and later married Mr. Richter; Jacob, a carpenter, lives in Burlington, is also in the ice business with his brother John, has one son, Frederick; Sallie, married Edward Whitford, and has three children, Edna V., Claribel, and Hazel, and conducts the confectionery store at the northeast entrance to Crapo Park, where they do a very good business. Carrie lives at home. John, the youngest, lives at home, is in the ice business. The wife and mother died May 30, 1899. In summing up this review one can readily see that enterprise and the progressive spirit have made him a typical American in every sense of the word. What he is to-day he has made himself, for he began in the world with nothing but his

own exertions and willing hands to aid him, and by constant activity, associated with good judgment, he has raised himself to the creditable position he now holds.

CHRISTIAN JOHN SLINGLUFF.

CHRISTIAN JOHN SLINGLUFF, now deceased, was for many years connected with the building interests of Burlington. He belonged to that class of citizens who, by upholding the material, intellectual, and moral status of a community, accomplished a great deal of good for the city. His career was ever honorable in business and reliable in all life's relations.

He was a son of John and Catherine (Leisure) Slingluff, being born in Norristown, Pa., Oct. 14, 1814. His parents were among the old American Quaker families of Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, his father having been of Scotch descent and his mother of Welsh descent. His father, whose brothers were in the War of 1812, was married in Montgomery county, and had two children born there: Christian John, and William, who died aged nine years. After attending the city schools of his home place, Mr. Slingluff decided he would like to build houses, and at the age of seventeen was apprenticed as a bricklayer to a contractor in Norristown. In 1837 he went to Columbus, Ohio, where he worked as a journeyman for a year, and then settled in Wheeling, W. Va., where he carried on contracting for a number of years. It was in the latter place that Mr. Slingluff wooed and wed Miss Eliza Ann Hamilton, July 12, 1840, who was born in Steubenville, Ohio, July 14, 1819. Her

parents, James and Elizabeth (Snyder) Hamilton, were both natives of Wheeling, W. Va., and were the parents of four children: John, deceased; Catherine, married Peter F. Reed, an artist, both dead; Elizabeth (Mrs. C. J. Slingluff); Theodore, deceased. Mrs. Hamilton had four brothers, and all participated in the War of 1812. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Slingluff eight children were born, of whom only three are living: John, a native of Wheeling, W. Va., who enlisted in the United States Infantry and served through the Civil War, is yardmaster's clerk at the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, and lives at 522 Curran Street, Burlington, Iowa; James H., a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, died June 3, 1903, aged fifty-three years; Julius Foster, a conductor on the Burlington route, lives at 1016 South Tenth Street, Burlington; Charles T., a bricklayer, lives with his aged mother at 1820 Agency Street; Lillie, died aged nine years; Lucian was three years old, George six weeks, and Edward two years, when they passed away. Mr. Slingluff came to Burlington in 1855, and carried on contracting till he died. Among the residences standing as testimonials of his ability are: the residence of Theodore Foster on Seventh and High Streets; residence of E. P. Eastman, corner Eighth and Columbia Streets; residence of John M. Sherfey on High Street, and many others, as well as a number of stores. He was superintendent of brick work of the Iowa Division for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad for a number of years, holding this position at the time of his death, which occurred May 3, 1891, at the age of seventy-seven years. Politically, Mr. Slingluff was originally a Whig, but later a Republican, though never seeking favors at the hands of his

party. He was a consistent member of the Methodist church, as is also his widow. The latter, now eighty-six years of age, has many friends, who admire her for all the many good deeds she has done. She is spending the evening of her useful life with her son, patiently waiting the summons to come up higher.

Mr. Slingluff was a man of much enterprise, indomitable courage, and liberal views. He continually broadened his mind through extensive reading, observation, and experience. His reading touched on all the lines of thought, so that he was a man well posted on the general issues of the day. His greatest pleasure was in his home with the companionship of his family. All who enjoyed his confidence found in him one who was ever loyal to the duties of comradeship and fellowship.

ADOLPH SCHREI.

THE name of Adolph Schrei, who is now serving the city of Burlington as justice of the peace, is well known throughout the county. He has a business record of which to be proud, and a war record full of bravery and gallantry. He is the son of Frederick and Amelia (Althof) Schrei, and was born in Germany, Dec. 16, 1839. He remained in his native place till he was about fifteen years old, where he received his education. His father brought him to America in an old-time sailing vessel, coming by way of New Orleans. In those days navigation was very much slower than in these modern days, and they were about fifty-two days on the ocean. After reaching New Orleans, May 10, 1855,

they came by boat to Burlington, and enjoyed the delightful trip on the Mississippi River very much. Mr. Schrei's oldest son, who was a miller by trade, had come to Burlington in 1848, and so for a time they all lived together.

Our subject at once obtained work on a farm, which occupation he followed till Aug. 1, 1862, when he enlisted in Company E, Twenty-fifth Iowa Infantry, at Burlington, being mustered into service at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, Sept. 27, 1862. He was third brigadier of the first division, fifteenth army corps, and served in this throughout the war. He took part in the following battles: two at Vicksburg, with Sherman; Arkansas Post, Jan. 11, 1863; Vicksburg Campaign; Chattanooga; Look-out Mountain; Mission Ridge; Ringgold, Ga. He then went to Alabama, and was through eastern Tennessee. May 1, 1864, he started on the Atlanta campaign — battle of Resaca; Dallas, Ga.; Big Shanty, Ga.; Kenasaw Mountain, Ga.; Atlanta, July 22 to July 28; southwest of Atlanta, Jonesboro, Ga. He marched from Atlanta to Savannah, Ga., and to Bentonville, N. C., in March, 1865.

He was also in several skirmishes, but was never wounded. He was with Sherman on his march to the sea, being also one of the ragged boys, or Sherman's "bummers," as they were called, that helped to make up the grand review in Washington. At one time a rebel pointed a gun at him about fifteen feet distant, shooting at his head, just missing his right cheek. After an honorable discharge on June 15, 1865, in Davenport, Iowa, Mr. Schrei returned to Burlington, and secured a position in the flouring mill of the late James Putnam, with whom he remained till spring, when he ac-

cepted a situation as clerk in the wholesale boot and shoe store of the late Honorable A. G. Adams. After being with Mr. Adams for ten years he opened up a retail grocery, where he was very unfortunate, losing by this venture all the means he had. His services were so satisfactory to Mr. Adams that he at once took Mr. Schrei back into his wholesale store, where he remained for the next two years, when the firm quit business. The following two years he was employed in the basket company as watchman, and also traveled for them for some ten months. In 1904 he was elected as justice of the peace, which office he is still filling with much dignity.

Nov. 16, 1865, he was married to Miss Caroline Sleimmeier, daughter of Fredrick and Louisa (Pendle) Sleimmeier. They are the parents of seven children: Edward, of San Francisco, Cal.; William, of St. Joseph, Mo.; Louisa, the wife of Taylor Cooksler; Mollie, now Mrs. Louis Dewein, of Springville, Ill.; Emma, married John W. Miller, of Claytonville, Ill.; Lillie, the wife of Henry Lowe, of Burlington, Iowa; and Clara, who became the wife of Ollie Sauerwine, a farmer of Des Moines county.

May 4, 1885, Mrs. Schrei was called to her final reward, and on Sept. 4, 1887, Mr. Schrei was united in marriage with Miss Mary D. Wells, a daughter of William and Malissa (Wheton) Wells, by whom he has two sons, both at home, Harry and Jesse. The latter is in the city schools. Mr. Schrei is a Republican, and cast his first vote for Lincoln on his second term of office. He was brought up in the German Lutheran church. As an honorable and public-spirited man none stands higher than does

Mr. Schrei, and the respect due him is tendered alike by young and old, rich and poor.

RICHARD JOHNSTON.

THE lives of some men contain a chapter of romance, or at least experiences a little out of the ordinary. Such is the case with Richard, or "Dick" Johnston, as he is generally called. He was born in Galva, Henry county, Ill., Oct. 25, 1864, and is a son of Zopher and Elizabeth (Janes) Johnston. His father died when he was only one year old, and at six years of age he was bound out to a man by the name of Edward Davis, of Galva, Ill., who promised to give the boy a good education, and to do well by him in other respects. Our subject never even saw the inside of a school till he was thirteen years old, and then was only able to attend the common schools of Galva, Henry county, two winter terms. This man Davis was a farmer, and kept Richard working early and late, much to his distaste. Just before entering his fourteenth year Richard made up his mind he could and would shift for himself; and so one day, without leave or license from Mr. Davis, he ran away from his adopted farm home, and the varied career that followed makes an interesting life record, reading like a novel. He imagined he had had enough of farming, and so decided to learn the trade of a barber. This took him five long years, but gave him the reputation of a first-class barber.

Wishing to see something of the surrounding country he engaged with the Santa Fé Railroad, where he served as brakeman for one year on the Cottonwood Division,

and for eighteen months following on the Ft. Worth Division, in Texas. Leaving the Santa Fé he ran as brakeman on the L. & W. R. R. for about seven months, and nine months on the Ft. Scott & Gulf line. In 1885 he went out to Creston, Iowa, running on the West Iowa Division for two years and five months. The big strike of 1887 was causing much trouble, and during this time Mr. Johnston retired from the service; and going still farther west, he again took up his trade at Elm Creek, Nebr., where he remained for eleven months. He now concluded to try his fortune with the vast army of men flocking to Oklahoma City. His party, who went across the country in three wagons, was to look the new territory over, and if satisfactory to purchase homes. Mr. Johnston did not like the place well enough to settle permanently, but remained two years, maintaining himself at his trade. He then traveled east to Indian Territory, and was head barber in one of the leading shops at Lee High for three months, and filled the same position for seven months at Girard, in Crawford, Kans.

Desiring to come back to Iowa he accepted a position at Chanadoah for two years. He next spent four months at Gainesville, Ga., two years and eight months at Chicago, and four months in St. Louis, and made good use of his trade in each place. Securing a situation on the Wabash he pitched his tent in Mobile, Mo., which he called home for nine months. Desiring to be out of doors more he farmed for one year at Bedford, Iowa, but for the next three months was laid up with a severe case of rheumatism at Burlington Junction. He recuperated for a year at Chanadoah, after which he was employed at his trade in Red Oak, Iowa, for eighteen

months, and for a number of months at Marysville, Weatherby, and Freeport, Mo. He then returned to the Hawkeye State in 1899 with a determination to put his roving to an end. Being now fully convinced that his mission in life was not to be either a tiller of the soil nor a railroad man, he at once secured pleasant rooms in West Burlington, where he established a business of his own, and where he virtually does the work of the town. While at Carney, Nebr., he had a little taste of war, as he joined the State militia as a substitute during the raid made by Sitting Bull on Pine Ridge Agency, Nebr. He took an active part in this noted battle with the redskins, being within a few feet of the great chief, Sitting Bull, when he was shot and killed. There were over six hundred squaws, Indians, and bucks killed at this battle, known as the battle of "Wounded Knee." Mr. Johnston was in the National Guards at Carney for several months. He also made three applications to enter the Spanish-American War, but being hard of hearing at that time he was rejected.

Oct. 28, 1892, he married Miss Alice A. Ellis, daughter of Captain James Ellis, of Civil War fame. She began teaching at the age of eighteen in Clarinda, Page county, Iowa, where she was assistant superintendent of the high school for four years. Mrs. Johnston died Sept. 22, 1894, in Oklahoma City, leaving one son, Walter E., eleven years old, who is with relatives in Cone, Iowa. Feb. 12, 1897, Mr. Johnston was married again, to Miss Oma Benton, daughter of Captain Frank and Anna (Wells) Benton. Mr. Benton was captain of the Ninth Cavalry and a nephew of ex-Senator Benton, of Missouri. He was killed in Custer's massacre. Our subject's wife is a second cousin of

Colonel Fremont's wife. By this marriage two children were born: Walden, born May 6, 1898; and Neva, born June 11, 1901.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnston were brought up in the Methodist faith. He joined the Modern Woodmen in Nebraska. He has always voted the straight Republican ticket, and was appointed to fill the vacancy of constable when in Carney. He is a well-informed man, and what he was denied in school privileges he has made up in the broad field of experience. His travels have brought him in contact with all classes and conditions of men, which is an education of itself. He seems to have chosen well his vocation in life, as it is not every trade that will support one the year round, especially a man with such a roving disposition as Mr. Johnston has had. In all his many locations his ability was appreciated, and he made kind friends. He is a man who believes in and practices principles of honor and uprightness, and is well liked by his many friends and acquaintances.

THOMAS HUTCHCROFT.

THOMAS HUTCHCROFT, who is a well-known representative of an honored pioneer family of Des Moines county, and for many years an active and enterprising farmer here, claims England as the land of his nativity. He is a son of John and Mary (Ripley) Hutchcroft, and was born in Yorkshire, England, April 3, 1854. The parents were both natives of Yorkshire. The father was born Aug. 20, 1817, and died May 26, 1898; and the mother was born May 8, 1817, and passed away May 6, 1905. They were the parents of eleven

children, who came to America with them, and settled in Des Moines county at an early date.

In 1862 the father of our subject located in Yellow Springs township, where he bought forty acres of farm land. As time passed, he was enabled to add to this until he had one hundred acres at the time of his death. He was a man much respected, and stood high in the business and social circles of his community. Thomas Hutchcroft was reared under the parental roof, and began his studies in the district schools of Yellow Springs township, finishing them later in the high school of Kossuth, Iowa. He has a large farm of three hundred and twenty acres in the above-named township, two hundred of which are in Sections 22 and 23 and the remaining one hundred and twenty acres in Sections 2 and 3. He raises a great deal of oats and corn, and also directs his attention to the raising of cattle and hogs, annually shipping about eighty head of the former, as well as a great number of the latter. His land being so accessible to the railroad makes it of great value, and is certainly a convenience all round.

Sept. 10, 1885, Mr. Hutchcroft was united in marriage to Miss Myrtilla E. Tull, a daughter of John and Olive (McCray) Tull. They have six children: Oris, Raymond, Charles, Bessie, Ethel, and Florence. The children all have substantial educations, and all reside with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutchcroft have been for many years devoted members and attendants of the Methodist church, where the former has been an honored trustee for some time. Mr. Hutchcroft is a Repub-



THOMAS HUTCHCROFT AND FAMILY.

lican, but has voted independently of late, for the men who, in his judgment, would best serve the interests of the community. He is a liberal-minded man, always ready to aid in the advancement of public interests, and is highly respected by all who have had the pleasure of knowing him. As an upright business man and good citizen, he stands in the front rank of the best citizens of Des Moines county.

ANDREW SMITH.

PERHAPS nothing else is so well calculated to inspire the present generation with justifiable local pride, with love of country and home, and with exalted ideals of conduct, as a study of the lives of those who have made the great Middle West what it is to-day,—a marvel of wealth, industry, and high civilization. Among the earlier residents of Union township—where he owns farms aggregating two hundred and sixty acres, with a beautiful home farm of eighty-five acres located three miles west of the city of Burlington—is Andrew Smith, who was born in Burlington on the 5th day of January, 1841, a son of Peter and Anna Smith. His father, who was born in Germany on the banks of the classic Rhine, married in his native land, and thence came to the United States in 1835, locating first in Cincinnati, where he remained until 1839. Thence he came West and took up his residence in what is now the city of Burlington, finding temporary employment in the new settlement as a butcher. This occupation, however, he shortly afterward abandoned for the life of the farm, and after conducting agricultural operations in the vicinity of

the city for a few years, bought a tract of two hundred acres on the Lower Augusta road. There and at the homestead now occupied by his son, our subject, he resided until 1866, when he retired from active life and removed to Burlington, where his demise occurred on Jan. 15, 1890, his own death having been preceded by that of his wife, who died in 1879. They were among the early members of the Catholic church in this portion of Iowa, becoming identified with St. John's church on its organization, and were among the chief contributors to the fund for building the first house of worship as well as later edifices. They were the parents of nine children, seven of whom survived to mature years.

Andrew Smith is the youngest son of the family of which he is a member, two sisters, however, being younger than he. While a boy he devoted himself to securing an education, but was compelled to be content with only a modicum of formal learning, as in the primitive country schools of those pioneer days the session lasted as a rule but four months out of each year. Moreover, when but ten years of age he began to bear a share of the hard work of the farm. Thus he received the best of training in what was to be the work of his life, and while yet a young man relieved his father of the work so that the latter might retire.

On April 23, 1869, he wedded Miss Kate Fritz, who died a few years later, leaving three children: Edward, a farmer of Union township; Anna, who died at Peoria, Ill., while a sister in a convent at that place; and Andrew T., also engaged in farming in Union township. After his marriage Mr. Smith began operating the home farm independently, having purchased it of his father, and this has ever since been the place

of his residence. He has constantly improved the home and surroundings, making it one of the most notable country residences in this vicinity, and has from time to time added to his real estate holdings until he ranks among the leading land owners of Union township.

On Nov. 9, 1875, he was united in marriage to Miss Anna Fischer, who was born March 1, 1855, a daughter of Joseph and Matilda (Schalder) Fischer. Mrs. Smith's parents were born and reared in Germany, and there celebrated their marriage, coming to America and to Des Moines county in the year 1854. The father was engaged in the dairy business at Burlington for a period of about six years, at the end of which time he removed to Flint River township, and there continued to reside until the time of his death, which was 1864. Both parents were devoted members of the Catholic church. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith have been born twelve children, of whom three sons and five daughters survive, as follows: Joseph, now a farmer of Union township; Matilda, wife of Albert Swallow; and Anna, Henry C., Minnie, Carl, Leah, and Elsie. Mr. and Mrs. Smith and the members of their family are identified with the Catholic church, and have given largely of their means for its support and for the building of the new church structure. In political life Mr. Smith, as was also his father before him, is a worker for Democratic success, and while he has never aspired to the honor of public preferment in the shape of official position, he has for many years acted as director of the schools. In this capacity he has done much for the cause of education, and his work has met with the approval of the people in the highest degree. His life has been crowned with success in many ways, for

by good judgment and enterprise he has become the possessor of wealth, while at the same time his social disposition, loyalty, and uprightness have won him respect and widespread esteem.

JOSEPH F. SMITH.

JOSEPH F. SMITH, one of the prominent and active younger farmers of Union township, where he owns and operates a fine farm of thirty acres about three fourths of a mile from the city limits of Burlington, was born in the same neighborhood, on his father's old homestead, April 1, 1876. He is a son of Andrew and Anna Smith. The sketch of his parents will be found on another page in this volume.

Our subject received a good practical education in the Buena Vista School of the township, and later attended Elliott's Business College, at Burlington, where he took a general business course. After this he was employed for one year by the Penrose Carriage Company, when he accepted a position as clerk in the large department store of John Boesch. Mr. Smith remained with Mr. Boesch for four years, and made a very good and accommodating salesman, and was well liked both by his employer and the patrons; but he preferred the independence and comforts of suburban life, and in 1905 he purchased thirty acres of good farm land from R. C. Waddle. He devotes most of his time to the raising of fruit, having a fine apple orchard of twelve acres, one of the largest and best pear orchards (four acres) in this part of the country, and one acre of the nicest plums to be found. His several orchards mentioned, as well as all other

smaller fruit raised by him, are attended by modern methods, and will produce the finest fruit for the local markets.

May 7, 1900, Mr. Smith married Miss Gussie Lee, a daughter of Mrs. Mary Lee, of Burlington, where she was reared and received her education in the public schools. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are the parents of one daughter, Marens.

In politics Mr. Smith is independent. He and his good wife were brought up in the Catholic faith, and are members and regular attendants of St. John's church. While he is yet a young man, still he has developed those qualities that tend to success and the winning of friends. The early training he received for his work, together with his thorough business education, both place him in a position to carry out his cherished aspirations, and in a short time he will be independent.

JOHN AUGUST PETERSON.

THE historian is never more pleased than when he is called upon to chronicle the steps by which some noble-hearted man has struggled from a lowly position to one of wealth and prominence among his neighbors, doing all by his own strength and force of character. John August Peterson is a man who had to begin at the very bottom of the ladder, and by his own energy and forceful determination has overcome obstacles that would have daunted the spirit of a man not gifted as he was with natural persistence in following out a cherished plan.

Mr. Peterson was born in Smoland,

Yonkopings Lan, Sweden, on July 19, 1837, being the son of Peter Magnus and Anna Maria (Okanson) Peterson. He received his early education from a private tutor, and later attended the public schools of Sweden for eight years. His home was on a farm, and he received there the practical training that has gone so far toward making his great success in this country. After he grew to young manhood, he served for two years in the Swedish army, learning lessons of endurance under fatigue, and obedience to orders, that he has found of great value in his after life. When he was thirty-two years of age, he thought he could see greater chances of advancement awaiting him in the New World; accordingly, in 1869, he came with his family to America, landing on September 7 of that year. He left Gottenburg on Aug. 10, 1869, and came by way of Glasgow, Scotland, to New York.

From New York he came directly to Burlington, Iowa. Here his unfamiliarity with the language, customs, and business usages of the country put him at such a disadvantage that he found it advisable to begin his life in the new surroundings by working as a day laborer. He was in the employ of Joy & Gilbert in this capacity for three or four months, when he found an opportunity to better himself a little by going to work for a large contractor named Walburn, who owned a large stone quarry at Gladstone, Henderson county, Ill., and who was at that time filling in a creek, or draw, where the Union depot of Burlington now stands. After this piece of work was finished, Mr. Peterson entered the employ of the Cedar Rapids Railroad Company, now known

as the Rock Island. Later he worked for the Quincy people, now known as the Burlington & Quincy Branch; and after that for the Iowa Central Railroad, under their contractors. While he was at work for these people, the burden of disadvantages that he was struggling against was added to by two misfortunes of a very discouraging nature. In the first place he was taken ill; and then about the same time, the contractors, who evidently were not doing a paying business, left town unceremoniously, taking with them all the money owing to the men under their employ. Hundreds of men suffered through this, and Mr. Peterson lost in this way sixty dollars of hard-earned money, at a time when that amount was a very considerable sum to him.

By 1872, he found that by steady work and frugal living he had saved enough so that he was able to discontinue working for others, and could change to farming, buying a small piece of land of his own to begin on. Therefore on March 11 he came to Huron township, bought a little tract of six acres of rich land in Section 16, and built on it a log cabin. This was the nucleus of the large farm and comfortable home that is now his. He has added to this from time to time as his increased prosperity has permitted, until he now has a magnificent farm of three hundred and fifteen acres in Huron and Yellow Springs townships. He cleared and stumped one hundred acres or more of timber land on this farm, and brought the land all under cultivation. He cut and hauled over twenty-five thousand ties for the Cedar Rapids Railroad, hauling these himself to Mediapolis. He also

worked for two months on the construction of this road. He has hauled hundreds of cords of wood from his farm.

Now that the farm is brought to its present high state of cultivation, besides his work of general farming, he has found time to make a specialty of the raising of fine cattle and horses. He raises the Shorthorn cattle, and also raises about eighty head of Poland China hogs annually, and has fifteen head of fine Percheron horses. He has erected a beautiful home, where he lives with his two sons, enjoying the well-earned comforts and luxuries that can be found only in a well-appointed modern country home.

Mr. Peterson was married in his early manhood, before leaving Sweden, the date of his wedding being Jan. 7, 1860. His wife was Miss Hannah Mary Hocanson, daughter of Hocan and Marie Hocanson. To them were born two sons and two daughters, three of whom were born in the old country: Vendle Marie, born March 6, 1863, died in Burlington, Oct. 14, 1870, of typhoid fever, and is buried in Aspen Grove cemetery; Tilda, born June 24, 1865, is the wife of Emil Johnson, who lives in Burlington; John Emil, born June 15, 1867; and Gus Edward, born in this country on Nov. 7, 1872. The two latter live on the home place with their father.

Mrs. Peterson was a quiet gentlewoman, who bore the hard life of a pioneer's wife with an uncomplaining spirit, and was a real helpmeet to her husband in the days of his early struggle in the new land. She was an earnest Christian woman, not only in faith but in practice, and was a lady in the best meaning of the word. She passed away

on April 13, 1901, after suffering for a year with cancer. Although afflicted with this most painful of diseases, she never complained, but showed such gentle patience and endurance that it endeared her more and more to those who loved her.

Mr. Peterson is a loyal member of the Swedish Lutheran church, and gives his support to all its philanthropic and charitable enterprises. A self-made man, working his way up from humble circumstances to his present enviable position, the key-note of his career may be summed up in one word, integrity, a trait of character which has won him the general respect of all to whom he is known.

WILLIAM PETERSON.

IN Des Moines county are many inhabitants of foreign birth, who, attracted by the more progressive institutions, broader educational facilities, and superior advantages offered for making a living, have come here with their families for the purpose of founding homes in the new country. These valuable additions to the native population have by their industry, economy, and honorable methods become essential factors in the growth of the county. One member of such a family, who has been an important figure in the development of agricultural interests in the county for the past twenty years, is William Peterson, who now lives on his large farm in Huron township.

Mr. Peterson is a native son of Sweden, being born in Linkopings, Sweden, Feb.

8, 1838, the son of Andrew Peter and Gusta (Sweline) Peterson. He was reared a farmer, and has always followed that occupation, except during the years that he spent in military service. He served for two years in the standing army of Sweden, and was under draft for two additional years. After his years of service in the army were completed, he decided that he would have better advantages for his family, as well as better opportunities to make a financial success, in the New World. Therefore in 1868 he embarked for America, coming directly to Burlington, Iowa.

Here he was willing to begin at the very foot of the ladder, and took up his life among the strangers of the new country and new language by working as a day laborer for the Cedar Rapids Railroad Company. He found it necessary to remain in this position not more than two weeks, then securing a better one under Harrison Cartwright. By practicing the lessons of frugality and careful living that he had learned as a child and young man in the old country, he found that he was able to save a fair proportion of his earnings, and he remained in the employ of Mr. Cartwright until he had accumulated enough to be able to buy a farm for himself. Then he came to Benton township, where he bought thirty acres of timber land in Section 2.

This land he cleared, stumped, brought under cultivation, and improved in many other ways, making it his home until 1883, when he sold it and purchased in its stead a farm of eighty acres in Section 27, Huron township. A few years later he added to this a purchase of sixty-three acres in Section 34. This is now his home

farm, and he has brought it to a high degree of cultivation, adding improvements from time to time as they are needed to bring the farm up to the standard of the best farms in the county. In addition to the general farming business that he carries on, he also raises some cattle, making a specialty of the Short-horn breed. He raises about twenty-five head of cattle and thirty hogs annually. Besides his farm, he also has some town property in the village of Mediapolis.

Mr. Peterson was married before leaving Sweden, his wife being Miss Hannah Larson, daughter of Lars and Carra (Nelson) Johnson. They were united in marriage Oct. 17, 1864. To them have been born four children: Ernest William, born Feb. 21, 1866, died Aug. 16, 1868; Oscar William, born May 11, 1872, married Hulda Crane, May 28, 1902, and lives in Mediapolis; Minnie, born April 14, 1874, is now the wife of Albert Nordstrom, of Mediapolis; Nels Gustafus Paul, born Aug. 29, 1879, still resides at home.

Mr. Peterson and the members of his family are affiliated with the Swedish Lutheran church, faithful to its teachings in word and deed, ever ready to respond to its calls for the needy, and doing all that lies in their power to extend its sphere of influence in the community. Mr. Peterson helped to build the present church edifice, and has also assisted in the erection of three parsonages. He has served the church in the capacity of deacon for the last three years. He has shown himself to be a true lover of his adopted country, always ready to fulfill the duties of citizenship. He has won a high place in the esteem of his friends

and neighbors, who honor him for his sterling worth and integrity of spirit. They have shown their faith in his business ability, as well as their admiration for his, as a manly character, by electing him to serve the township as supervisor of highways for the past four years, and that their faith has not been misplaced is evidenced by the fact that during this time the roads of the township have been maintained in a uniformly excellent state of repair under his direction.

Mr. Peterson began life at the bottom of the ladder, without aid and without capital, and all he has acquired has come to him by virtue of his own frugality, industry, care, and natural talents. He is, in a word, a self-made man, and his success under such conditions is a more fitting commentary on his character than any tribute that might be framed in words.

WILLIAM BRUMM.

WILLIAM BRUMM left his home across the sea over fifty-three years ago and has for many years bent his time and energies to the improvement and welfare of Des Moines county. He is a son of Carl and Anna (Oswalt) Brumm, and was born Feb. 12, 1850, in Würtemberg, Germany. His parents were both natives of Germany, and came to America by way of New Orleans in 1852, being about six weeks on the way. In the old country the father was what is called a freighter, hauling provisions and supplies from Karlsruhe to Stuttgart, and also carried the mail, driving sometimes as many as sixteen horses at one time.

He remained in New Orleans until 1854, when he came to Burlington, where he located, and engaged in the cooper business. In 1867 he moved to Benton township, and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land, which is now a part of our subject's farm. He improved the farm to some extent, and farmed very successfully till the fall of 1870, when he died in the fifty-ninth year of his age. He was a Democrat, and a member of the Lutheran church, and is interred in the St. Paul cemetery in Benton township. Mrs. Brumm survived her husband till March 6, 1902, when she passed away aged eighty years. She held membership in the Methodist church, and is buried in the Methodist cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Brumm were the parents of ten children, five of whom are living. John, a younger brother of our subject, resides on the home place.

Mr. Brumm, of this review, received his education in the public schools in Burlington, after which he clerked in a grocery till his parents moved to Benton township. After the death of his parents he bought eighty acres of the home farm in Section 14, in 1896 added eighty acres, located on Section 13, and also at one time owned forty acres in Jackson township. He has since been a prosperous farmer and stock man. He erected a nice modern two-story frame dwelling, a substantial barn, and other outbuildings for the protection of grain and stock, and to-day he can say his land is of the best under cultivation in the township.

He, with his wife, is a member of the Presbyterian church, and has been an elder in the church since its organization. He is a Democrat, and can not remember

a year since he grew to manhood that he has not held some township office. He is now treasurer of the school board, and has been constable, road supervisor, and clerk.

April 1, 1871, Mr. Brumm became the husband of Miss Helena Thomas, a daughter of Isham and Mary (Flesher) Thomas. Mr. Thomas was of Welsh descent, coming from Virginia to Iowa at an early day. Mrs. Thomas also came from Virginia to Iowa, settling in Burlington when there were but two houses in the city. When Mrs. Brumm's mother first came to Burlington, she was the wife of Joseph Walker, a veteran of the War of 1812, who died in 1852, aged seventy-five years. Mrs. Walker married Mr. Thomas in Burlington, and passed away in 1889 at the age of seventy-nine years. Mr. Thomas was a cooper by trade, and a small farmer of Benton township, and Mrs. Brumm was his only child.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Brumm have been born seven children, six of whom are living: Charles, died at the age of twenty-one years; Leslie, a bookkeeper, and lives in Burlington; and Boyd, Ruth, Clayton, Byron, and Burton, the last named being twins, and all reside at home. Mr. Brumm has seen many changes in Des Moines county, and has ever been ready to do his part toward improving this part of the county. He is a man devoted to his home and family, and is giving every advantage within his means. He is a man who is held in the highest esteem, and his long, continuous service in the township shows with what regard he is held in the estimation of his fellow-citizens. He is much interested in educational matters, and has devoted much

time to bringing the schools of Benton township up to their present high standing. He and Mrs. Brumm are both Christian people and active church workers, and their lives are living examples of their professions.

JOSEPH SCHULER.

ONE of the early settlers of Des Moines county and now among the most influential and substantial citizens of Benton township, is Joseph Schuler, who has been an interested witness of the development of this section of the State from a condition approximating that of a wilderness, and has borne his part in advancing the material and moral interests of the community. He owns and cultivates a rich farm of fifty-six acres in Section 23, Benton township.

Mr. Schuler was born in Baden, Germany, on April 10, 1841, and came to the United States with his parents in 1847. He was the son of Marcellus and Gertrude (Kinburger) Schuler. The father was a farmer, and upon coming to the new country he located in Shelby county, Ohio, where he purchased land and made his home for seven years. At the end of that time he came to Burlington, where he engaged in the grocery business until 1860, when he removed to Benton township. There he purchased a forty-acre tract of farming land, and made a home for himself and his family until the time of his death, which occurred at the ripe old age of eighty years. He was always a loyal Democrat in politics, having decided when he first became

a naturalized citizen that that party most closely represented his ideas of what a popular government should be.

The mother was also born in Germany, and she lived to the age of sixty-eight years. She was the mother of three children, all of whom are still living, our subject being the oldest. The other two are: Charles, who resides on the old home place in Benton township; Catherine, widow of William Hoppe, who resides in Burlington, Iowa.

Joseph Schuler received his early education in the public schools in Ohio, and later in Burlington. He remained at home, and after the family bought the place in Benton township, worked on the farm until the breaking out of the Civil War. Then his love for his country inspired him to take up arms in defense of the Union, and he enlisted in July, 1862, in Company E, of the Twenty-fifth Iowa Infantry, and served with that company for one year. At the end of that time he re-enlisted, this time in Company F, of the Eighth Iowa Veteran Volunteers, and served till the close of the war. He was in some of the hardest sieges and most severely fought battles of the war during this time. He saw service at Vicksburg, Arkansas Post, Fort Spanish, and at Mobile, Ala. When the strife ended and the great host dissolved in peace, he received his discharge at Selma, Alabama.

After his discharge he returned to Iowa, and located in Benton township, where he farmed for some years, first renting land, then later buying the place on which he is now located, and where he has ever since lived. Here he carries on a business of general farming, with

some stock-raising, and is very successful in the conduct of his affairs. He has made many improvements in the place from time to time, and has seen many changes in the county, always doing his share toward bringing about the advancement of the community.

Mr. Schuler was united in marriage on May 28, 1868, to Miss Mary E. Meyers, who was born in the city of Burlington, Jan. 29, 1850, the daughter of Christopher Meyers. Christopher Meyers was an early settler of Burlington, who followed the occupation of farming throughout his entire life, farming in Burlington township, where he died at the age of sixty-nine years.

To Mr. and Mrs. Schuler have been born ten children, and the hand of death has never yet entered the circle. The children are: Anna, wife of Henry Tackenburg, being a liveryman of Mediapolis, whose life history is recorded elsewhere in this volume, and to whom has been born one daughter, Esther; Charles E., who lives in Benton township; John F., who resides in Burlington, where he is engaged in a retail grocery business; Julia, wife of Edward Colby, of Mediapolis, who has two children, Wesley and Maria; Elizabeth, wife of Martin Welch, a hardware merchant of Mediapolis, who has one child, Ralph; Ellen; Edward; Pearl; Hattie; and Lillian. All of Mr. Schuler's children were born and educated in Des Moines county. He has reared a nice family, of which he has every reason to be proud, as they are a credit to the various communities in which they make their homes, and reflect great credit on their upbringing.

Politically, Mr. Schuler is a Democrat,

deeply interested in the growth and development of his party, and recognized as one of its powers in local ranks, although he has never aspired to the holding of public office. He always evinces a strong interest in public affairs, being a consistent advocate of all worthy movements having for their object the promotion of the community's interests. As a farmer he has been highly successful by reason of his business ability and his attitude of readiness toward opportunities, coupled with sane and sound judgment and keen foresight, which have enabled him to carry his ventures to the desired issue. As a man and a citizen he enjoys the general respect because of his honorable and upright methods in all matters in which he comes into contact with his fellow-men.

WILLIAM HENSLEIGH.

WILLIAM HENSLEIGH, of Mediapolis, who owns a large farm in Section 15, and is one of the best-known residents of Yellow Springs township, was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, May 15, 1834. He is a son of Thomas and Ann (Walters) Hensleigh. His father was a native of England, and came to America in 1833, settling in Johnstown, Pa., where he was engaged for many years in building canal boats.

Our subject received a substantial education in the district schools of Westmoreland, after which he made himself very useful for a long time on the home place. In 1855 he came to Des Moines county, and worked on several farms in

the township till 1864, when he bought his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Section 15. When the railroad was built it came through his place, taking off some four acres of his land.

The task of Mr. Hensleigh has not been an easy one, as this farm was in a primitive condition when it fell into his hands. He labored long and hard, and now has the place in good shape, most of it being under cultivation. The improvements are all of the best, and consist of a well-built house, modern barns, and all the other buildings necessary for the shelter of grain and stock. His farm is also well drained, as he has laid many rods of tiling. He has a great deal of fruit on the place.

Feb. 2, 1858, Mr. Hensleigh was married to Miss Susan Wilson, daughter of John Z. and Nancy (McConnell) Wilson, who was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, Sept. 10, 1831. Her father's family came West when she was about twenty years of age, locating first in Louisa county, and the year following moved to Yellow Springs township, where her father died in 1875, at the advanced age of eighty years. Her mother died when only forty years old, before they left Pennsylvania. They were the parents of ten children: Mary Jane married Robert McKibben; Adam, Ella, Zaccheus G., John, and Samuel, all deceased; James is a resident of Morning Sun, Iowa; Nancy Ann became the wife of Alexander L. McClure, and is now a widow, also living in Morning Sun; Susan, wife of our subject; Martha Torrence married R. A. Hay, and is dead.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hensleigh six children have been born, only two of whom are living: John Thomas married Liz-

zie Cubit, and resides in Washington township; Nancy Ann is Mrs. Hugh H. Martin, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume; Alonzo died Nov. 21, 1890, aged twenty-four years; Martha Jane died in April, 1893, at the age of twenty-four years; Zackie died in infancy; and Robert Arthur passed away in 1873, aged one year and one day.

As the years flew by Mr. Hensleigh and his good wife saw their possessions increase, and their toil was rendered lighter by the joys of a happy wedded life. In 1892 he retired from the farm and moved to the village of Mediapolis, where he is now engaged in the fire insurance business to a large extent. He was school director of his township for several years, and has served the village as councilman for one term. Mr. and Mrs. Hensleigh are both devoted members of the Reform Presbyterian church. Mr. Hensleigh stands in the front rank as a citizen, and is always ready to aid in the advancement of any public enterprise.

E. M. EISFELD.

E. M. EISFELD, the founder of the E. M. Eisfeld Clothing House, one of the leading mercantile enterprises of Burlington, is a representative of that class of American citizens, who, coming from foreign shores, have, with ready recognition and utilization of the business opportunities of the New World, advanced from humble financial surroundings to positions of affluence, and at the same time have contributed to the commercial prosperity of the localities with

which they have become identified. Mr. Eisfeld was born in Germany, and was upon the ocean on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of his birth, which occurred July 10, 1833. He made the voyage to the United States with a brother, who for many years remained a resident of Baltimore, Md., but is now deceased. Mr. Eisfeld, of this review, is the only survivor of a family of eight children. In his youth he attended the public schools of the Fatherland, and at the age of thirteen he was bound out to learn the butcher's trade, which he followed until he embarked on the sailing vessel "Wieland" for the United States, Captain Henke commanding. He landed at New York, and thence went to Baltimore. The first four weeks of his business experience in this country were devoted to butchering. From Baltimore he went to Washington, D. C., where he spent six months, and for three months he engaged in clerking in Warrenton, Va. Becoming ill, at the advice of his physician he went to Columbus, Ohio, where for two years he was engaged as a salesman in a clothing store; and in 1856 he came to Burlington, where he embarked in business on his own account, the goods being furnished by Joseph Gundersheimer. He began his mercantile career here in a small store on Water Street, one door north of the present site of the German Hotel, occupying a room twenty by forty feet, with a stock valued at four thousand dollars. Two years later he removed to the corner building on Jefferson and Water Streets, where the ticket office of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company used to be located, and as his trade grew he increased the amount of space occupied by his store. Later he moved to Main Street, remaining there until the '70's. In the mean-

time he had extended the field of his mercantile operations by the purchase, in 1862, of the store of Greenbaum & Kaskel, clothiers, conducting that as a branch establishment of the main store. In this he was associated with his brother-in-law, R. M. Raab, who acted as manager and partner. About 1870 Mr. Eisfeld removed to the O'Brien building on Main Street and began a jobbing clothing business, sending traveling salesmen to Iowa, Illinois, and Missouri, and did considerable business in that line for many years, conducting both his jobbing and retail trade. From the former, however, he withdrew about 1890. He continued to conduct the retail business in the Parsons Block on Jefferson Street until he sold out to his son, Leon M. Eisfeld, and Samuel Herschler, in 1891, and the store has since been continued under the name of the Eisfeld Clothing Company. As the years advanced, the trade had steadily grown until the business was large and profitable, and he thereby accumulated a handsome competence, which classes him with the substantial residents of the city.

In 1872 Mr. Eisfeld built a home at 909 N. Fifth Street, a brick and stone structure two stories in height, with attic and cellar, and this he now occupies. About 1882 he built another house at 903 Fifth Street for E. Raab. Mr. Eisfeld was married in Baltimore, Md., in 1861, to Miss Fannie Raab, who was born in Hanover, Pa., of German parentage. They have seven children, of whom six reached mature years: Carrie, the wife of L. L. Strause, a wholesale tobacconist, of Richmond, Va.; Bertha, the wife of Samuel Herschler, of Burlington; Leon M., of Burlington; Harry, proprietor of a hotel at Litchfield, Ill.; Ada, the wife of I. I. Strause, a wholesale dry-goods mer-

chant of Richmond, Va.; and Emily, the wife of W. B. Nelson, who is engaged in the wholesale millinery business at Richmond, Va.

Mr. Eissfeld is a member of the B'nai Brith, and for years has been an Odd Fellow, having joined the order in Columbus, Ohio, while later he transferred his membership to Washington Lodge, No. 1, and later to Harmony Lodge, at Burlington, the last mentioned being a German organization. He has served as alderman of Burlington from the Fifth Ward under Mayor Adams, and has ever been deeply interested in the welfare and progress of the city. As the champion of many public enterprises he has contributed to the development of Burlington, and has taken just pride in the city's development. When he arrived here, it contained only about eight thousand population. There was one railroad, two ferries being operated, so that connection was thus furnished with the opposite side of the river. He has been retired from business for thirteen years, and now spends his winter seasons in Richmond, Va., and summers at Atlantic City, N. J., in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil. Coming to America without capital, he has made a notable record, marked by steady advancement in the business world, and stands high in the regard of friends and fellow-townsmen.

JACOB EPSTEIN.

JACOB EPSTEIN, early identified with the business interests of Burlington, and for many years an active factor in its public life, exerting strong influence for its material progress and permanent improvement, is now living retired, the years of his business

activity having been crowned with a measure of success that now enables him to rest from further business cares.

Born in Germany, on the 15th of March, 1831, Jacob Epstein acquired his education in the schools of his native country, and when nineteen years of age came to America. Landing at New York, he there worked as a common laborer for some time. Later he was in Chicago for several years, employed in a hide house until he had learned the business, after which he went upon the road, traveling for different firms, and buying hides in several sections of the country. At length he came to Burlington, in 1867, and began business on his own account, purchasing hides, with a store on Jefferson Street. He followed this business until 1894, and worked into a large wholesale hide and wool trade, with Boston as his principal market. He employed five traveling men, who bought hides and wool, and his business steadily increased under his capable management, until it brought to him a very desirable income. He was at first a member of the firm of Epstein, Goodman & Company, and acted as manager of the business. Later Mr. Goodman retired, and Mr. Epstein eventually became sole proprietor, thus conducting his enterprise until his retirement from active commercial pursuits in 1884. He displayed marked business discernment, keen sagacity, and strong, resolute purpose, and by his capable control of his affairs gradually amassed a comfortable competence. He also invested in property, and is still the owner of business blocks and other city realty, the rental from which constitutes a very desirable income. In recent years, because of his invalid condition, his wife has largely relieved him of the supervision of the property and its attend-



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ant cares and responsibilities, and in its control displays excellent business foresight and capacity. The family home is at 803 North Fourth Street, where they have lived for thirty-three years, and the home is noted for its warm-hearted and generous hospitality, which is greatly enjoyed by their many friends.

Mr. Epstein was married in New York to Miss Louisa Knopfmacher, who was born in Germany, but they became acquainted and were married in this country, Mrs. Epstein being but eight years of age when her parents came to the New World, because of the German revolution of 1848. Mr. and Mrs. Epstein have but one child, Eugene, who was married in Burlington to Miss Rosa Willner, and is now living with his family in Iowa City, where he is engaged in the clothing business.

At the time of the Civil War, Mr. Epstein responded to the call of his adopted country for troops, enlisting in New York City as a member of the New York Sharpshooters, with which he served for five years. He entered the army as quartermaster, and was mustered out as such. He was with the Army of the Potomac under General Burnside. He now belongs to the Grand Army Post at Burlington, and is also a Mason, while in New York he held membership with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is president of the brotherhood of B'nai Brith, of Burlington, but because of his invalid condition has been unable to attend the lodges regularly in the past few years. In community affairs he has always been deeply interested, and his co-operation has ever been counted upon when matters of public progress and improvement were under consideration and execution. He has always voted with the Democracy, save at

the presidential election of 1904, when he supported Roosevelt. For ten years he served as alderman from the Second Ward of Burlington, and at one time was candidate for mayor, but was defeated by nineteen votes. His has been, in former years, a most active and useful career, and his opinions yet carry weight and influence in public matters. Early identified with the city's business interests, he has ever stood for substantial progress and practical improvement, and Burlington has greatly benefited by his efforts in her behalf.

JOHN IBBOTSON.

JOHN IBBOTSON, one of the large land-owners of Des Moines county, and extensively engaged in stock-raising in Yellow Springs township, was born Oct. 4, 1847, on the farm where he yet lives, his parents being George and Martha E. (Riggs) Ibbotson.

The father came from Indiana to Iowa in 1841 and from the government secured a claim of one hundred and sixty acres in Yellow Springs township, whereon he lived until his death, which occurred Jan. 19, 1895. Had he lived five months longer he would have reached the ninetieth anniversary of his birth. He was a native of Yorkshire, England, while his wife was born in Kentucky. Her death occurred April 30, 1904, when she was eighty-eight years and eight months of age. Mr. Ibbotson was a devoted member of the Baptist church, and in early life gave his political allegiance to the Whig party, with which he remained until its dissolu-

tion, when he became a staunch Republican.

In the family of George and Martha Ibbotson were eight children, namely: Martha; John, of this review; Stephen, of Los Angeles, Cal.; George, who died when forty-one years of age; Lizzie, who died when thirty-nine years of age; Robert who is now living in Washington township; Isaac, who passed away at the age of thirteen months; and Abraham Lincoln, who died at the age of eight years.

John Ibbotson acquired his early education in the district schools of Yellow Springs township, afterwards spending two years as a student in the academy at Kossuth, and one year at Mount Pleasant. He was reared to the occupation of farming, and has always followed that pursuit upon the old family homestead where his birth occurred. He is now the owner of four hundred acres of valuable land, one hundred and sixty acres constituting the southeast corner of Section 19, while two hundred and forty acres lie on Section 30, Yellow Springs township. He feeds all of his grain, and keeps on hand annually about seventy head of cattle. He also raises a few draft horses each year, and now has upon his place about one hundred and fifty head of hogs. He is well known as a general farmer and stock-raiser, and one whose success is the direct outcome of experience, sound judgment, and unfaltering diligence.

On Dec. 28, 1871, Mr. Ibbotson was married to Miss Mary F. Talbott, a daughter of Aquilla and Emily (Gregory) Talbott, and a native of Yellow Springs township, born April 2, 1848. They have become the parents of nine children: George Aquilla, born in 1872, and died

in infancy; Idora, became the wife of August Butler, and after his death married John Stucker, their home being in Yellow Springs township; Edwin, married Olie Casey, and lives on the Martha property; John F., of Oklahoma City; Barbara Ann, Homer L., Leslie, Harry L., and Burton, all at home.

FRED GERLING.

AMONG the worthy citizens that Germany has furnished to Des Moines county is Fred Gerling, who was born in Prussia, Germany, May 26, 1850, his parents being Charles and Illsabine (Teimann) Gerling. The first representative of the family to come to America was Charles Gerling, a brother of our subject, and the parents also crossed the Atlantic after Fred Gerling had made his way to the New World. Both died in Des Moines county, Iowa, and were buried near the Walker settlement, the father passing away in 1880, when sixty years of age, while his wife departed this life when fifty years of age. They were the parents of seven children: Charles F.; Fred; Mary, the wife of Herman Bischer, a resident of South Dakota; Christian, living in Benton township; Caroline, the widow of John Cleek, and resides in Burlington; Louisa, the wife of Spencer Husted; and Henry.

Fred Gerling was educated in the common schools, and in his youth learned the baker's trade, which he followed until he came to America. In August, 1868, then a young man of eighteen years, he sailed for the United States, and landed at New

York, where he remained through the succeeding fall and winter. In the spring he went to Madison, Wis., and in the vicinity of that city worked on a farm through two summers and one winter season. In September, 1870, he arrived in Burlington, where he was again employed as a farm hand by the month for four and a half years.

About the end of that time Mr. Gerling was married Jan. 7, 1875, to Miss Susanna Butcher, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Gerling) Butcher. Ten children were born unto them: Mary, born Sept. 17, 1875; Carl, Feb. 1, 1877; William, Feb. 19, 1879; Edward, Sept. 6, 1880; Emma, Jan. 13, 1882; Fred H., Dec. 9, 1884; Amelia, July 14, 1886; Lawrence, Jan. 26, 1888; Christian, May 8, 1891; and Albert, July 30, 1894. The family circle yet remains unbroken by the hand of death, and five of the children are yet living at home, while the eldest is in Linton. Mrs. Gerling was born in Pleasant Grove township, March 1, 1854, upon the farm that Charles Gerling now occupies. Her mother died in 1870, at the age of fifty-two years, and her father in 1873, at the age of sixty-six years. They were buried on the old home farm, in the cemetery which was set off from this place.

Since 1892 Mr. Gerling has owned the farm which he now cultivates. He has one hundred and sixty acres of land on Section 20, and one hundred and twenty acres on Section 29, Yellow Springs township. He has practically made all of the improvements upon the place, having erected a new house and barn, and also other buildings. He raises and feeds about a car-load of cattle each year, and he now has sixty-five head of cattle and

keeps upon his place on an average of one hundred hogs of the Poland China and Chester White variety.

Mr. Gerling has served as school director for twelve years, and is now holding that office, the cause of education finding in him a warm friend. He belongs to the German Lutheran church. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to seek a home in America, for here he has found the business opportunities which he sought; and is to-day one of the substantial farmers of the county.

When Mr. and Mrs. Gerling began housekeeping they had only enough money to buy one-half dozen spoons and three chairs. He has worked hard, and has accumulated until he is now in very comfortable circumstances.

WILLIAM BRAND.

WILLIAM BRAND, proprietor of a large tin-store and shop in Burlington, Iowa, and an old resident of that city, is a descendant of a German family which occupied a substantial position in the Fatherland. He was born June 22, 1833, at Konigschafhausen, Baden, a son of William and Elizabeth (Henninger) Brand. The father was a cooper by trade, but after serving his term of seven years in the army secured a position in the revenue service of the Grand Duke of Baden as a tax collector, having charge of the revenue office in his own town. He remained in office approximately fifty years, retiring only in his eighty-sixth year. The date of his birth was Feb. 10, 1805, and he died in Freiburg in June, 1894, aged eighty-nine years. The maternal grandfather of our subject was a farmer in ex-

cellent circumstances, his farm being what is known in Germany as a *bauerhof*.

The mother of Mr. Brand died when he was but six years old, and although he was thus in some measure deprived of the usual home training, his educational advantages were of the best, he attending the public schools until he was twelve years of age, and during the following three years being a student in an architectural school at Waldshut, Baden. During the period between the ages of fifteen and eighteen years he was engaged in learning the tinner's trade at Kehl, opposite Strasburg, and after having mastered the trade he traveled to various cities of Germany, working as a journeyman tinner, for three years, or until he was twenty years of age. He then determined to come to America, and sailed from Havre, France, on Saturday, May 6, 1854, landed in New York, Sunday, June 18, 1854. Proceeding to Boston, he was employed in the tinshops there for two years, but feeling that the West offered greater rewards, he came to Burlington in the spring of 1856. Here he was in the employ of various tinners until 1879, and it was during this period that he did a great deal of tin roofing, then a genuine novelty, and put up the first galvanized cornice in the city.

Thrift, economy, and steadiness of purpose finally enabled Mr. Brand to assume an independent position, and in 1879 he opened a tinshop in Burlington, at 415 Leebrick Street, where he built a shop and residence. Here he has a well-appointed shop and a substantial two-story house. In his business venture he has enjoyed an encouraging success from the first, the business which he built up so carefully now being for sale that he may retire. On Dec. 6, 1860, he wedded Miss Mary Wagner, daughter of

Andrew Wagner, and to them have been born seven children, who survived infancy, these being as follows: William, of St. Louis; Charles F., deceased; Amelia M., wife of Walter Walden, of Miami, Fla.; Edward and Henry, of St. Louis; Louis, of Burlington; and Clara, wife of Fred Coalbaugh. Three died in infancy. All the sons have followed in their father's steps and learned the tinner's trade, at which they are now employed. Mrs. Brand is now deceased, she having died in Burlington, Oct. 12, 1904, mourned and regretted by many friends. She was born at Groeglingen, Wurtemberg, Nov. 22, 1843, and coming to the United States, located in Burlington with her parents, in the spring of 1847, her father being a bookbinder, who worked at his trade in this city.

For a long term of years Mr. Brand was a member of the Turners' society, and recalls that he served for a time in the first hook-and-ladder company ever organized in Burlington, this being in 1858. During the time of the Civil War, he joined the Home Guards, thus displaying a commendable spirit of loyalty to his adopted city and country, for at that time rumors were rife that the Confederate forces contemplated an invasion of the principal cities along the Mississippi River. In the German Silver Cornet Band, one of the best organizations of the kind ever formed in the West, he was a member for seventeen and a half years, playing a tenor horn and second violin, and visiting many surrounding towns and cities. He has never been allied with any political party, but takes great interest in affairs of government as one of that large and increasingly influential body of citizens known as independents. In 1885, Mr. Brand returned

to Europe, and visited his native town of Konigschafhausen and other places, and taking a trip down the Rhine. He was gone three months in all, and thoroughly enjoyed the renewal of old memories, although he returned to America with renewed faith in the wisdom of his choice in casting his lot with the New World. He has indeed the best reasons for viewing that action with complacency, for here he has achieved success, and acquired a competency, and made many friends who respect him for his worth and his strength of character.

JAMES DEAM.

JAMES DEAM, engaged in general farming and stock-raising, is a native of Ohio, his birth having occurred in Dayton, Clarke county, May 22, 1846. His parents were Frederick and Barbara Deam, who came to Iowa about 1853, settling in Burlington township. A year later they removed to a farm south of the city, and afterward again took up their abode north of the city, where the father lived until his death, which occurred in 1868, when he was seventy-two years of age. His wife died on the same farm in 1872, at the age of seventy-three years.

They were the parents of fourteen children: Henry, a resident of Springfield, Ohio; Eliza, the wife of Robert Steinrod, is living in Bramar, Mo.; Margaret, died in Missouri; Edward and William, twins, the former living in Burlington township, and the latter in Sioux City, Iowa; Harmon, died in Buffalo, N. Y.; Barbara, the wife of Frank Moyer, a resident of Green

Ridge, Mo.; Mrs. Betsey Elizabeth Fortune, living in Bramar, Mo.; Frederick, unmarried; Adam went to Houston, Texas, in early life and has not been heard from since; Amelia, the wife of John Myers, who lives in Burlington township; James, of this review; and two that died in infancy.

James Deam was reared in the usual manner of farm lads, being only seven years of age when brought by his parents to Des Moines county. Here he has since made his home, and when a young lad worked in his father's fields, while lessons of industry and integrity were strongly impressed upon his mind. He acquired his education in the district schools; and when he started out in life on his own account, he concluded to follow the pursuit which had hitherto claimed his attention.

In 1898 he purchased his present farm of two hundred and twenty acres, buying the place from Phillip Cox. It is located in Section 2, Yellow Springs township, and is a valuable property. Up to this time Mr. Deam had rented land, and since his purchase his undivided attention has been given to the cultivation and improvement of this property, and to the raising of stock. He now raises or feeds about eighty head of cattle each year, nineteen head of horses and colts, and about one hundred and forty head of hogs, this branch of his business bringing him a gratifying income.

On Dec. 27, 1877, Mr. Deam was united in marriage to Miss Ann Jane Hunter, a daughter of William and Ann Jane (McCormick) Hunter. Mrs. Deam was born in Burlington township, Des Moines county, and by her marriage has become

the mother of nine children: Maude, the wife of George McKim, a resident farmer of Yellow Springs township; Frank, William, Frederick, Elgy, Bert, Pearl, and Clarence, all at home; and Martha, who died at the age of three years. The wife and mother died Feb. 28, 1868, at the age of forty years, and her death was deeply deplored by many friends as well as her immediate family.

Mr. Deam votes with the Democratic party. He has served as district supervisor and school treasurer, having occupied the latter position for several years. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, and is interested in all that pertains to welfare and improvement along material, social, intellectual, and moral lines.

DELOS A. GILLETTE.

DELOS A. GILLETTE, now deceased, devoted his life to general farming and stock-raising, finding ample opportunity for the exercise of his energy and business ability in that line of work, wherein he gained a creditable measure of success. He was a native of the State of New York, born in Randolph, Sept. 12, 1828. His parents were Comfort and Caroline (Dodds) Gillette. The father, who was born at New Lebanon, Columbia county, N. Y., in 1797, afterward removed to Ohio. His wife was a native of Phelps, Ontario county, N. Y., born in 1804.

During his residence in the Buckeye State the father engaged in general agricultural pursuits, and upon coming to Iowa purchased three hundred acres of land in Frank-

lin township, whereon he lived up to the time of his death, which occurred on the old homestead. He passed away Dec. 20, 1865, at the age of sixty-eight years. He was of the Baptist faith, of which church he had long been a consistent member. His political allegiance was given to the Republican party. His widow died when seventy-five years of age, and of their family of eleven children only one is now living.

Delos A. Gillette acquired his education in the common schools of his native town, and in his youth assisted in the work of the home place. About 1852, when twenty-four years of age, he came to Iowa, settling in Burlington, where he was employed as one of the surveyors on the railroad then being extended to Mt. Pleasant. He continued at that work for some time, and afterward removed to Franklin township, where he was engaged in farming. After the arrival of his parents in this county he went to live with them in Franklin township, and he and his brother Henry operated the home place. There Delos A. Gillette remained for a number of years, but eventually removed to Louisa county, Iowa, where he purchased a farm, which he owned and cultivated for three years. He then sold that property and came to Franklin township, where he bought a tract and carried on general agricultural pursuits for a number of years. Later he sold this property and lived in the village of Sperry up to the time of his demise.

Jan. 13, 1856, at Upper Sandusky, Mr. Gillette was married to Miss Mary E. Eggleston, who was born in Ontario county, New York, and was a daughter of Joseph and Maria (Buttles) Eggleston, both of whom were natives of the Empire State. The father was a stone-mason by trade, and after living in New York for many years,

removed to Upper Sandusky, Ohio, where both he and his wife passed away.

Mrs. Gillette was educated in the common schools at the place of her birth, and by her marriage has become the mother of five children, all of whom were born in Des Moines county, but only one is now living: Alice May, born May 16, 1857, died at the age of two years; Frank A., born Oct. 3, 1858, died in September, 1859; William M., born July 9, 1860, died at the age of nineteen years; Carrie, who died at the age of nine years; Elma, living at home with her mother, is the successful teacher of the Diamond School of Franklin township.

In his political views Mr. Gillette was an earnest Republican, yet neither sought nor desired office. For many years his attention was given in undivided manner to his farming and stock-raising interests. In 1877 he took up his abode in the village of Sperry, but still carried on farming. He remained there until called to his final rest Dec. 28, 1901, his remains being interred in the old Stone Church cemetery. He had passed the seventy-third milestone on life's journey, and his had been an active and useful career that had made his name an honored one.

GEORGE W. BIRD.

THE family of which George W. Bird, president of the Retail Grocers' Association, of Burlington, Iowa, is a well-known member, was founded in America by the father of our subject, Thomas Bird, who was born in Leicester, Leicestershire, England, Feb. 20, 1833. In his native town he learned the trade of carpentering, which he followed there for a time, but

in 1864 he decided to emigrate to the United States; and sailing from Liverpool to New Orleans, he came directly to Burlington, where he was first employed in the Joy planing mill. Later he engaged with the firm of Nairn & Gillies, with whom he remained for twenty-five years, during the greater part of this time having charge of special work, requiring for its proper execution a high degree of technical skill. This connection he severed in 1901. He was united in marriage in this city, in March, 1869, to Miss Melissa Johnson.

George W. Bird was born Oct. 9, 1872, in Burlington, only child of Thomas and Melissa (Johnson) Bird, and after completing his preliminary education in the public schools of this city, entered Elliott's Business College, in which he pursued a full course of study, thus securing excellent preparation for the practical life of commerce and business, in which he has since been so conspicuously successful. In 1890 he became a commercial traveler for J. B. Petit, wholesale merchant, representing his interests throughout Iowa and Western Illinois for two years with satisfactory results. Later he engaged with the firm of John Blaul & Sons in a similar capacity for a further two years, traveling in northern and a portion of central Iowa, and in 1897 he established a high-class grocery store at the corner of Smith and Marshall Streets, which is his present location. Hither he has drawn by the fairness and frankness of his methods a flourishing and profitable patronage. The store is an excellent example of neatness and convenient arrangement, the equal in these respects of any in the city, and all fixtures and ap-

pointments are in the highest degree modern, attractive, and utilitarian.

In March, 1898, Mr. Bird was united in marriage to Miss Mary Spahr, a daughter of George H. Spahr, well known as a capitalist and a prominent citizen of Mount Pleasant, Iowa, and to them have been born three children, Mary Louise, Florence Virginia, and Gertrude Wagner.

Fraternally, Mr. Bird is a member of Burlington Lodge, No. 84, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and during the four years from 1888 to 1892 he was a member of Company H, Iowa National Guard. He is a leading worker in the Retail Grocers' Association, of Burlington, of which he was elected vice-president in 1902 and re-elected the following year, while he is now the president of the association, having been elected to this office in March, 1904. He enjoys extreme popularity, and is a leader in public as well as in business life, being active in politics as a prominent member of the Republican party; and in recognition of his ability he was in 1904 elected alderman for the fourth ward, to represent that constituency in the city council of Burlington. His position in the esteem and regard of his fellow-townsmen is one of which any man might well be proud, and it is unnecessary to say that his reputation is firmly founded in upright character and unwavering loyalty to his friends.

LEANDER J. MESMER.

LEANDER J. MESMER, of Burlington, was born in the grand duchy of Baden, Germany, and in 1856 was brought to America by his

mother. His parents were Michael and Anna (Wurtenburger) Mesmer, also natives of Baden, in which country they were reared and married. They became the parents of thirteen children, but only two reached mature years, namely: Leander J. and Sophia, the latter the widow of George Herman, formerly a prominent butcher of Burlington, in which city he died, while Mrs. Herman now lives in Chicago. Michael Mesmer came to America in 1855, and the following year the mother came, bringing with her her son Leander. They made the voyage in a sailing vessel, reaching New Orleans sixty days after leaving the European port, and then came up the river to Burlington. The father was a shoemaker, and followed that trade until a few years prior to his death, when he opened a boarding-house; but he did not find that profitable, and returned to his trade again. He died at the age of sixty-five years, and was buried in the German Catholic cemetery on North Hill, having survived his wife for some time.

Leander J. Mesmer was but six years of age when brought by his mother to the United States, and in Burlington was reared and educated, attending the German Evangelical school and also the public and parochical schools. When about twelve years of age he began working in the *German Tribune* office and learned the printer's trade, spending five years there. Later he worked in Davenport, Iowa, and learned both the German and English cases. He followed the printing trade for about thirty-five years on the *Burlington Gazette*, twenty-five years being spent in the mechanical department. For one year, in 1870-71, he conducted a boarding-house on Jefferson Street. In 1898 he was ap-

pointed police clerk by Judge Gillespie, and served for six years, his term of office expiring in April, 1904. He afterward opened a cigar and news-stand on Jefferson Street, in the spring of 1904, but after four months sold out.

In August, 1869, Mr. Mesmer was united in marriage to Miss Barbara Heck, in Anson, Wis., while he was working in a general store and mill for Gilbert Brothers & Company, later the Gilbert-Hedge Lumber Company, of Burlington. Eight children were born unto them, but one son, William R., who was a printer connected with the *Hawk-Eye*, died July 2, 1904: Emma, who is engaged in dressmaking in Denver, Colo.; Anna, wife of E. A. Vogelgesang, a musician connected with Fischer's Orchestra, of Burlington; Lydia, wife of Will K. Toup, foreman for the Burlington Buggy Company, of this city; Julia, who follows dressmaking in Denver, Colo.; Edwin L., a carriage trimmer, employed in this city; Ada, a seamstress, of Burlington; and Leander F. The family home is at 534 Moore Street. In February, 1885, Mr. Mesmer became a member of Typographical Union, No. 75, joining it upon its organization. He also belongs to the Modern Brotherhood of America and to St. Patrick's Catholic church, and in his political affiliation is a Democrat.

JOHN F. GERDES.

JOHN F. GERDES, who is proprietor and manager of a model grocery store at 1200 North Seventh Street, Burlington, is a young man of exceptional ability and enterprise, and has enjoyed unusual prep-

aration for the work to which he is now devoting his talents. Mr. Gerdes was born Dec. 11, 1872, in Oldenburg, Germany, a son of Henry and Louise (Schwartz) Gerdes, who now reside in Burlington, where the father owns a tract of twenty acres of agricultural land within the city limits, and pursues his vocation of farming.

The days of his boyhood and early youth were passed in the work of the farm in his native land, and there also he obtained his early education in the public schools. In 1889 he accompanied his parents to America, locating in Burlington, where he supplemented his schooling by taking a course in Elliott's Business College, and later began his business career by entering the employ of Mr. Henry Luchner as a delivery man. Desirous, however, of enlarging the domain of his experience, and wishing to gain a better insight into business methods, he then went to the city of New York, and obtained employment in a grocery store, where he remained for two years, at the end of which time he was sent by his employers to Spartanburg, S. C., to take the direction of a large mercantile establishment which was under their charge at that place. There he met with conspicuous success, and after a further period of two years he returned to Burlington in 1897, and established an independent grocery business at the location which he still occupies. The store is one of the neatest and most attractive in the city, while the stock is always kept in the best possible condition, and by unfailing courtesy and consideration, combined with absolute integrity and frankness in all his dealings, he has built up a valuable reputation and secured a large and ever-increasing support from the appreciative public.

At Aplington, Iowa, in 1899, Mr. Gerdes was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Wagner, who, like himself, was born and reared in Germany, and to them have been born two sons, Carl and Emil. They are active members and supporters of the German Baptist church, and take an abiding interest in the work of the Sunday-school, of which Mr. Gerdes is assistant superintendent. Too much can not be said of the high quality of Mr. Gerdes's business ability, nor of the vast amount of careful and conscientious attention which he devotes to his stock, consisting of groceries, hay, and feed, for he realizes that eternal vigilance is the price of success in these times of close competition, and that he who would succeed must excel. He has built up a large business, and earned the confidence and esteem of the people, so that while there is no doubt that still greater triumphs await him in the future, it may be justly said that success is already his.

JOHN SCHULTZ.

JOHN SCHULTZ is one of the pioneers of Des Moines county, and claims good old Germany as his birthplace. His friends point with pride to the success he has achieved in life, which is the result of his energy, ambition, willing hands, and the best of principles.

He is a native of Mecklenburg, Germany, and was born Oct. 9, 1823. He attended the public schools in Mecklenburg, according to the laws of Germany, and selected the trade of wagon-making as his vocation in life. In 1851, with his knowledge and experience of wagons, he made up his mind

to cross the great Atlantic. He came in one of the old-time sailing vessels, and was sixty-two days in making the trip to New Orleans. Here he took a boat up the Mississippi River to St. Louis, and a month later came to Burlington, Iowa, where he engaged in the blacksmith and wagon business, following his trade for different men.

Feeling a desire to start in business for himself, he moved to Dallas, Ill., and opened up a wagon shop. This he conducted for a few years, and then went to Fort Madison, Iowa, and worked for Oberlain, and afterward for Horner. Returning to Burlington several years later, he located on Sunnyside Avenue.

While residing in Fort Madison he was married to Miss Charlotte Fesse, by whom he has six children: Emma married Gus Steinbrecher, and has eight children: William, who died when ten years old; Charlotte is Mrs. Nicholas John Barnicle, and has two children, Clayton and Clarence, twins; Edwin, aged nineteen; Emily, aged seventeen; William, aged fifteen; Raymond, aged seven; Laura, who died when eighteen months old; and Harold, who is three years old. Mary married Fred Schultz, has one son, Herbert, and lives at 1337 Ashmun Street. John resides on West Hill, is an expressman, and has one son, Edwin. Ella is the wife of Gustus Fritz Knickrehm, and lives on Pilger and Bertch Avenues. Mr. Knickrehm was born in Germany, Oct. 1, 1860, where he was educated in the public schools, and learned the butcher's trade. He came to America in 1890, landing in New York, and at once came West to Burlington, where he has ever since been engaged in following his trade, with the exception of two years, which he spent in New Mexico. He is a Democrat, a member of

the Modern Woodmen of America, and also a faithful member of the German Lutheran church.

Mr. Schultz is a member of the Zion church, and was the efficient janitor of the church for fifteen years, but on account of age resigned a number of years ago. He has always given his political allegiance to the Democratic party, but prefers private life to office holding. Mr. Schultz is of a retiring disposition, and his many friends and acquaintances have found that he is a true man, possessing all those noble qualities that make an honored citizen. His life, so full of activity and strong determination of purpose, is well worthy of emulation. His residence of over fifty years in Iowa has been a wonderful school of experience, and his friends enjoy to gather round this kind old gentleman and hear him repeat the tales and incidents of the past.

SEBASTIAN HEITZ.

SEBASTIAN HEITZ, for the last thirteen years a resident of Burlington, was born Oct. 28, 1819, at Niederschupheim, Overamt Ofenburg, Baden. His father, Kaspar Heitz, a carpenter by trade, was twice married. The first wife was a daughter of Andreas Harmon, a stone mason of Niederschupheim. Of this marriage there were three children: Joseph, Sebastian, and Theresa, the mother dying when Sebastian was three years old. Kaspar Heitz died when about sixty years old, his death being occasioned by a fall from a tree he was cutting. His father lived to be ninety-five years of age. Andreas Harmon lived to be eighty-two years old. Kaspar Heitz by

his second marriage was the father of two children, Louis and Valentine. In February, 1843, Sebastian Heitz sailed from Havre de Grace and reached New York after a voyage of thirty-five days on a sailing vessel. He soon went to Philadelphia, and in the vicinity of that city worked in Pennsylvania and New Jersey for four years, on farms.

In 1847 he returned to his native town by way of London and Amsterdam, ascending the Rhine to Mannheim and thence home by railroad. Soon after his arrival there he married Genevieve Gallus, born Oct. 4, 1819, daughter of Alexander Gallus, a butcher of Niederschupheim.

On his return to America Mr. Heitz was accompanied by his wife and her sister Katherine, and his brother Louis, and eleven other persons. They traveled across France in a diligence, or stage coach, to Havre, and were forty-four days on board ship between that place and New Orleans. From the latter place they came by river to Cincinnati; but as Louis could not find work there, he and Mr. Heitz and wife crossed the Alleghanies and returned to the neighborhood where Mr. Heitz had formerly worked. The brothers stayed at Malaga, N. J., three years, and were all that time in the employ of a Mr. Rosenbaum. In 1850 Mr. Heitz and wife returned by way of Pittsburg to Cincinnati, where they visited Mrs. Heitz's sister Katherine, who had married Florian Berckley. Coming West by the great rivers they reached Ft. Madison, Iowa, in October, 1850. Louis Heitz came to Ft. Madison and settled in 1852. Soon after Sebastian Heitz reached Ft. Madison, he rented land and raised vegetables and fruits to supply the town. He was the first man who raised

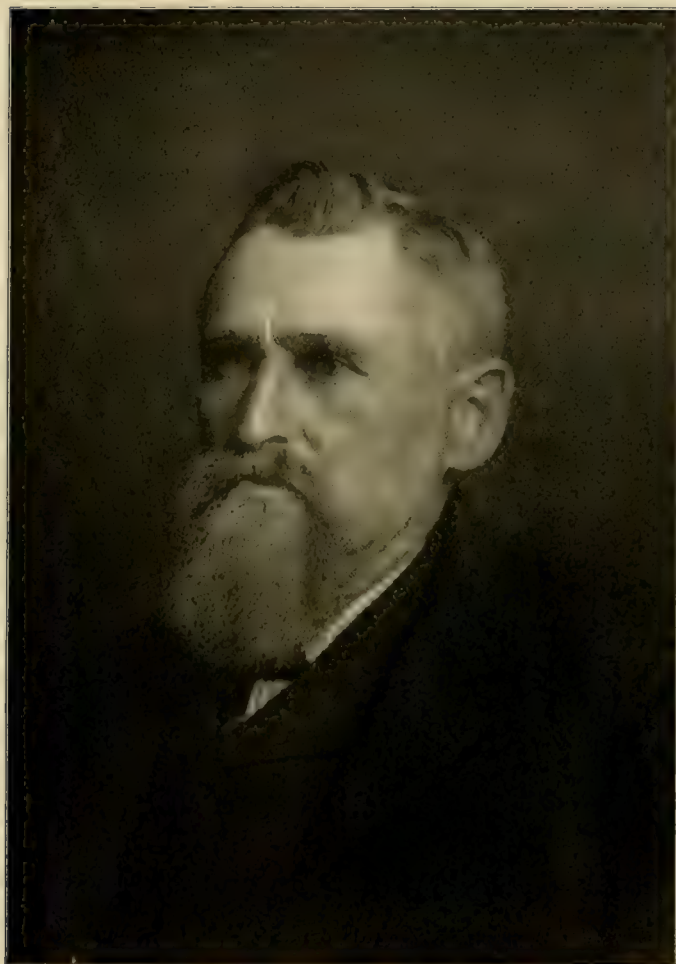
cultivated strawberries in that city. After a time he bought a block of land, on which he carried on the business of green-gardening and fruit-raising till 1892, when he sold out after a residence of forty-two years in the city. He was never an office seeker, but served two years as supervisor. He was one of the charter members of Empire Lodge, No. 31, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Fort Madison, organized in 1852. On Sept. 9, 1861, the Germans of Empire Lodge, of whom Mr. Heitz was one, preferring a German ritual, established Concordia Lodge No. 133. He was noble grand of this lodge two terms. Subsequently Concordia Lodge was merged into Empire Lodge, of which he is now a member. His membership in the order is now well beyond the half century mark, making him one of the oldest Odd Fellows in Iowa. Mr. Heitz's affiliations were with the Catholic church, but after joining the Odd Fellows the church required him to decide between itself and the Odd Fellows, and he chose to remain with the latter organization, and since then he has not considered himself a church-member.

Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Heitz: Joseph, the eldest, died in Union, Ore., in 1891; Florian lives in Anaconda, Mont.; William lives at Frontier, Wyo.; Abbie, who married August Fogel, lives in Burlington; Hattie, who married Benjamin Thompson, lives in Fort Madison; Edith, the wife of Edward Benbow, also lives in Fort Madison. Mrs. Heitz died in that city in April, 1902, at the ripe old age of eighty-two. Mr. Heitz has made his home with his daughter in Burlington since 1892, and though past eight-five years old, he goes about like a man much younger in years.

JOSEPH LANDWEHR.

ONE of the representative farmers in Flint River township is Joseph Landwehr, who has resided there for the last twenty-five years. He was born in Brinkenfeld, Kris Haffort, Germany, May 16, 1845, and is a son of Fred and Rickie (Dickhaner) Landwehr. Entering the common schools of his native land he pursued his studies, and at the age of nine years came to America with his parents. They were thirteen weeks on the water coming in an old-time sailing vessel by way of New Orleans. They settled at once in Quincy, Ill., where later the parents both died. Mr. Landwehr learned the trade of a cigarmaker, but his health failing soon after, he was advised to go to farming. He came to Des Moines county in 1880, and has since been a resident of Flint River township. In December, 1890, he bought his present farm of a little over fifty-one acres in Section 2. As the years passed, modern improvements have been made upon it, and it is now a very valuable property. His fields are richly cultivated, and annually return to him golden harvests, and the neat and thrifty appearance indicates his careful supervision. He has never been active as a politician, and is independent in his political affiliations.

Aug. 25, 1868, Mr. Landwehr was married to Miss Anna Frederica Bringer, daughter of Fred William and Anna (Bochstat) Bringer, whose birth occurred in Springa, Germany, May 14, 1849, and came to America when but five years old with her parents, who settled in Quincy, Ill. Mr. Bringer has passed away, while Mrs. Bringer is living at the advanced age of seventy-eight years.



JOSEPH LANDWEHR.

Eight children have blessed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Landwehr: Fred; Anna, who married Charles Haar; Bertha, the wife of Port Kirby; John; Herman; Edward; Emma, died in 1878, aged two years; Lydia, born in 1888, died in 1894. The worth of our subject as a man and citizen, are widely acknowledged, and he belongs to that class known as self-made men, because they have triumphed over obstacles, and depending upon their own resources have worked their way upward to prosperity.

BENJAMIN ASMUSSEN.

ONE of the younger and highly respected tillers of the soil of Mediapolis, and who is a native of the Hawkeye State, which is watered at so many points by the beautiful river known to all as the father of waters, is Benjamin Asmussen. He is a son of Fred and Eliza (Vollmer) Asmussen, and was born in Burlington, Sept. 27, 1875. When a mere babe, his parents moved to Franklin township, and here in the district schools he gained his education. His father was a prosperous painter of Des Moines county for many years.

His marriage to Miss Isabell Aletha Logan took place Dec. 19, 1901. His wife is a daughter of William and Louisa Elizabeth (Tibbetts) Logan, and was born in Franklin township March 10, 1879. Her father died in 1894, and her mother, who is still living, makes her home in Sigourney, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Asmussen have no children. They have a nice and comfortable home, where all their friends are ever made welcome. Mr. Asmussen is gradually placing

modern machinery upon his farm, and each year finds the land in a higher state of cultivation. He takes much pleasure in all movements that work a benefit to the State and county. In politics he has ever been a strong Democrat, but has always believed he could promote the interests of his party to better advantage by not being in the possession of any office.

Mr. Asmussen is a very genial and friendly man, and one who is making his ladder in life of the strongest rounds of honor, industry, great energy, and upright living, and has already attained a success in business that many an older man might well envy.

CLARENCE EDWARD CAMERON.

CLARENCE EDWARD CAMERON, who resides on Section 34, Union township, is one of the enterprising young farmers of Des Moines county whose thorough understanding of agricultural interests has enabled him to so care for his property that he has profited in all his undertakings. He was born May 30, 1874, his parents being Edward W. and Dorcas H. (Leffler) Cameron. Edward W. Cameron, the father of our subject, was a native son of Union township, Des Moines county, having been born at his father's farm home, which he had established in pioneer days, March 19, 1859. In the district schools of the locality Clarence E. Cameron pursued his studies until eighteen years of age, when he entered Elliott's Business College, at Burlington, spending two winters in that institution. He has always remained upon the home farm, to which he returned upon the completion of his business course, and to his

father gave the benefit of his services until 1898, when he was married. After Mr. Cameron, of this review, had by his marriage established a home of his own, Edward W. Cameron, with his family, removed to Burlington, where he is living retired, enjoying a well-earned rest from his former active life. He devotes his time and attention to general agricultural pursuits, and the neat and thrifty appearance of the place justifies one in the opinion that its manager is a successful agriculturist, thoroughly understanding his business, and bringing to his work practical and sound common sense.

On the 23d of February, 1898, Mr. Cameron was united in marriage to Miss Olive May Prieman, of Burlington. They attend and support the Episcopal church, and Mr. Cameron gives his political allegiance to the Republican party, but is not an aspirant for office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs. He is regarded as one of the bright and intelligent young farmers of the county, and is well known in the locality where he has always made his home, residing throughout his entire life upon the farm which is yet his place of residence.

ANDREW JOHN PETERSON.

ANDREW JOHN PETERSON was born in Sweden on the 16th day of March, 1835, a son of Jerry and Mary (Funstat) Peterson. The father, who was also a native of Sweden, in which country he was born in 1806, was there married, and with his wife and four children came to America, leaving our subject, however, in Sweden.

He came direct to Burlington, engaging in a variety of occupations there until about the year 1803, when he bought a small tract of land in Union township. On this land he continued to reside until the time of his death in the fall of 1885. His wife died in September, 1899, at an advanced age, the date of her birth having been 1802.

Andrew J. Peterson grew to maturity in his native land, meantime receiving a good education in the public schools, and for a few years devoted himself to farming. In 1866 he decided to come to the United States, and locating in the neighborhood where his parents had previously settled, bought ten acres of land in Union township. He had great difficulties to overcome, but by rigid economy, hard and constant work, and careful management he achieved success, being now the owner of a fine farm excellently equipped. He added to his first purchase of land until at the present time it comprises one hundred and forty acres, while he also owns one hundred and sixty acres in Kearney county, Nebraska. He engages in general farming, and in addition maintains a small vineyard.

In the month of August, 1869, Mr. Peterson wedded Miss Christine Johnson, who had come to this country from Sweden two years prior to that time. To Mr. and Mrs. Peterson have been born three children: Fred Albert, still at the parental home; Amanda, wife of Mr. Johnson, of Union township; and Nellie, also at home. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson are members of the Lutheran church, of which they have ever been among the most generous supporters. The political allegiance of our subject is given to the

Republican party. He has always been progressive and enterprising, and has made many improvements on the farm, tiling and draining the land and placing it under effective cultivation. The large and comfortable dwelling-house is of his erection, and altogether he has established a very pleasant home.

JOHN H. EWINGER.

JOHN H. EWINGER, one of the leading representatives of the plumbing, heating, and gas-fitting business in Burlington, with a patronage which has caused him to extend his labors into many cities of this State, was born Feb. 28, 1861, in Burlington, and throughout his entire life has made his home here. His father, Henry Ewinger, was a native of Germany, and was a machinist by trade. Coming to the New World he was employed for many years as stationary engineer in the Putnam mill of Burlington, and in 1872, resigning his position, he purchased a half interest in the plumbing business of John Conrad, with whom he remained for about four years. The partnership was then dissolved, and Mr. Ewinger established a business of his own, which he conducted for about twenty years, with excellent success. He died about 1898—one of the respected business men of the city, whose success had been worthily won, and who had also gained the trust and goodwill of those with whom he came in contact.

His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Burg, was a sister of John Burg, a leading wagon-maker of Iowa. She died in 1896, being survived by eight of their nine

children, while six are yet living: Sarah, the wife of George Reif, a resident farmer of Des Moines county; Ricke, who is the wife of Christ Ebert, who is engaged in cigar-making in Burlington; John H.; Lydia, the wife of Robert Dixon, of Fort Madison; William, who is engaged in the plumbing business in this city; and Emma, the wife of Karl Kurle, who conducts a harness business in Dallas, Ill. After losing his first wife, Henry Ewinger married Mrs. Mary Wedertz, who survived him, and died in the year 1903.

John H. Ewinger pursued his education in the public school on North Hill, and after finishing his more specifically literary education, he began learning the plumber's trade under the direction of his father, with whom he remained for three years, when he went to Chicago, in 1881, and completed his trade in the plumbing establishment of E. Baggett. Returning to Burlington in 1883, he again entered his father's employ. The business was incorporated in 1898, as Henry Ewinger Plumbing Company, with Henry Ewinger as president; W. O. Ewinger, vice-president; and J. H. Ewinger, secretary and treasurer. Following the father's death, the brothers remained in business together until 1900, and then dissolved partnership.

John H. Ewinger then began business alone at 320 North Fourth Street, where he has since been located. He controls an extensive business in plumbing, heating, and gas-fitting, and also deals in pumps and engineering supplies. He employs eight plumbers, and has done the work in his line in the Odd Fellows' Building, Tama Building, Iowa State Bank Building, German-American Bank Building, Parsons Block, Sterns Block, Masonic Temple, and in the residences of W. B. Foster, Andrew Dehner,

R. M. Green, and many others, and also in St. Francis Hospital. He also took the contract for the plumbing, heating, and gas-fitting in the Louisa county poorhouse, five residences in Fontanelle, Iowa, residences in Dixon and Dallas City, Ill.; Unionville, Mo.; Fort Madison, Mount Pleasant, New London, Danville, Middletown, Wapello, and Columbus Junction, Iowa; and Cairo, Ill. His business has constantly grown and is of an important character, for he has been called to do work in his line in many important buildings. His own practical knowledge of the trade well qualifies him to superintend the labor of others, and his business career has been attended with a gratifying measure of success. He is a member of the Iowa State and National Plumbers' Associations.

Mr. Ewinger was married in March, 1885, to Miss Ursula Johanna, a daughter of Andrew Johanna, whose wife, in her maidenhood was Miss Johanna. They were natives of Switzerland and were married in that country. They came to America with their family in 1871 and located on a farm, the father now making his home on a farm south of the city. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ewinger were born four children, but the second, Henry Andrew, died at the age of six months. The others are Elsie Kate, Flossie Ursula, and Fred Wesley. The family home, in the Irvin Addition, stands on Prospect Hill at the foot of Miller Street, near the Cascades. There Mr. Ewinger has twelve acres of ground, on which is an attractive frame residence, which was erected in 1900. Here he has much fruit — apples, grapes, peaches, and pears, and he makes fifty barrels of wine per year. In addition to this property Mr. Ewinger owns two dwellings in Sweny's Addition, one built in

1886, and the other in 1892, and these he rents.

Mr. Ewinger holds membership with Blackhawk Camp, No. 33, Woodmen of the World, and with the Cascade Boating Association. He gives his political support to the Democratic party, and is a member of the Lutheran church. He is quick of apprehension, and intricate business affairs he comprehends most readily, while in his active career he has won the success which is the just reward of meritorious, honorable effort which commands the respect and admiration of all.

WILLIAM MOEHLE.

GERMANY has furnished to America many worthy citizens. The sons of the Fatherland readily adapt themselves to new conditions, make the best of their opportunities, and in all walks of life have demonstrated that industry is the path to success. William Moehle, a son of the Fatherland, was born in West Phalen, Germany, Aug. 2, 1864, his parents being Gottlieb and Louise (Bode) Moehle. The son pursued his education in the public schools of his native land, and when eighteen years of age bade adieu to friends and country preparatory to establishing a home in the New World. He had heard favorable reports concerning this country and its opportunities, and he believed that he might better his financial condition in the United States. He made his way direct to Burlington, where he entered the employ of Phillip Westerbeck. He also attended school one winter, and later worked at farm labor until he was married.

It was on Dec. 22, 1891, that Mr. Moehle was joined in wedlock to Miss Carrie Vollmer, who was born in Franklin township, this county, March 3, 1870, and is a daughter of Henry and Louisa (Kipp) Vollmer. Four children graced this marriage: Edward, born Nov. 8, 1892; Cora, June 22, 1897; Ella, Sept. 22, 1902; and an infant, born Sept. 15, 1905.

In 1889 Mr. Moehle purchased a farm of eighty acres from Mr. Parker, his land lying in Section 33, Yellow Springs township, and in 1894 he bought one hundred acres of Mr. Deistlehorst. Upon this place he has since lived, and has developed it into a very valuable and productive property. In 1902 he bought forty acres of G. S. Gray, on Section 28, making two hundred and twenty acres in all. He is a breeder of Shorthorn and Hereford cattle, and has forty-eight head of fine cattle upon his place. He also raises about ninety head of Poland China hogs each year, and likewise some red swine. His farm property is valuable because of the improvements he has placed upon it. He has erected a commodious and substantial residence and good barns, has tiled his land, and now has his farm in an excellent condition, being equipped with all modern accessories and everything needed to facilitate the work and render his labors of greater value.

HENRY SCHULTZ.

HENRY SCHULTZ, a highly respected farmer of Flint River township, where he has made his home for almost thirty years, is now living on Section 14, where he has eighty acres of land that he has brought to a high state of cultivation. He was born

near Machtenburg, Prussia, Germany, Aug. 28, 1827. His parents were also natives of that county, where they spent their entire lives. The son was reared to the occupation of farming, attended the home school until about seventeen or eighteen years of age, and then entered the German army, serving for several months.

In 1850 Mr. Schultz was united in marriage, in the Fatherland, to Miss Marie Pekern, also a native of Germany, where she lived until after her marriage. Her parents both died in that country during her early girlhood. In the year 1866 Mr. Schultz came with his family to the United States, settling first in New York, where he remained for two years, being employed in a sugar refinery. He then came to Des Moines county, Iowa, and spent several years in Burlington, where he was engaged in work in the brick-yard, and also at the gas-factory for about eight years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Flint River township, and purchased his present farm of eighty acres on Section 14. He has put all of the improvements on this property, and has fair buildings here. His attention has been given to general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising, and his fields are well tilled. Nearly all the land was in its primitive condition when he took up the work of clearing it, but to-day he has most of it under cultivation.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Schultz have been born ten children, of whom six are now living: Mary, the wife of Christ Easman, of Burlington; Anna, wife of Conrad Elbrader, of Kansas; Minnie, at home; Henry, who is living in Burlington, and married Emma Rieke; Christ and Gustave, both at home. Those who have departed this life are: Henry, Amelia, Louisa, and Charlie.

The children attended the public schools, and the younger sons assist in the operation of the home farm at the present time.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Schultz hold membership in the Baptist church, while his political allegiance is given to the Republican party. He has been without political aspiration, preferring to give his attention to his business interests, and his success has been won, step by step, through his personal efforts, energy, and enterprise; while the regard in which he is uniformly held by his friends is also accredited to his manly action in performing the daily duties of life.

EDWARD HAUSENCLEVER.

EDWARD HAUSENCLEVER, for many years one of the leading farmers and stock-raisers of Union township, Des Moines county, Iowa, was born in the Province of the Rhine, Germany, Nov. 7, 1836, a son of Gottlieb and Wilhelmina (Huerthal) Hausenclever. He early entered the public schools of his native place, also attending the college of the district at a later date, and when fifteen years of age matriculated in an agricultural school, in which he remained a student for one year. Thus his education was singularly complete, and was especially adapted to insure him success in the line of activity which he expected to follow, namely, that of agriculture. In 1853 he came with his parents to America, and the father purchased a farm in Des Moines county, Iowa. The following spring, however, the father left the farm in charge of his two sons, and returned to Germany, where he was a minister in the Lutheran church and a man of considerable standing.

On this farm Mr. Hausenclever continued for sixteen years, or until the fall of 1870, when he purchased his present large farm of 227 acres in Section 22, Union township. The land was at that time almost in its primitive wild condition, and the first great task which claimed his attention was the clearing away of the forests. This occupied his attention for nearly ten years, and at the end of that time he began raising and feeding stock for shipping, principally cattle and hogs, but also some horses. The venture proved very successful, and he continued it on a large scale for twenty years with great success. The land, as fertile and productive as can be found anywhere in the county, is eminently suited to the purpose, and our subject has installed many important improvements which add to its value as an investment, while at the same time increasing the comfort of the home he has established.

In 1863 Mr. Hausenclever was united in marriage to Miss Mary Mehler, daughter of Frank and Anne Mehler, and to them have been born seven children, as follows: Edward, who is married; Oscar, a farmer of Lee county, Iowa; Arnold, who is at home; Annie, wife of Mr. Monck; and Herman and Francis, who are both at home with their parents. Mr. Hausenclever has for many years participated in the conduct of public affairs as a member of the Democratic party, and has been especially interested in the cause of education as represented by the public schools. He has by the favor of his fellow-citizens been repeatedly honored with election to a place on the school board, of which he has been a working member for twenty-three years. He is now retired from active business, having relinquished the management of the

farm about the year 1900 in favor of his sons, by whom the work has since that time been continued along the lines which he laid out, and he passes his time in the enjoyment of well-earned ease and repose. At all points his career has been marked by the highest integrity, uprightness, and fair dealing, and he has many friends who respect him both for his irreproachable character and for the great natural ability which has enabled him to win success.

ISAIAH REID CARITHERS.

ISAIAH REID CARITHERS belongs to a much-respected and well-established family of Yellow Springs township, and now occupies a place with the prosperous farmers of to-day. He is a son of Andrew French and Mary L. (Reid) Carithers, his birth occurring on the old home farm in Yellow Springs township, Sept. 23, 1866. When his parents came to Des Moines county, they entered one hundred and sixty acres of land, and were the only family that lived on this place. A more complete biography of the parents of this subject will be found in the sketch of A. F. Carithers, elsewhere in this volume.

Mr. Reid Carithers is a man of good education, which was begun in the district schools in Yellow Springs township, where he prepared himself to enter the academy at Morning Sun, Iowa. Wishing to gain more book learning than these schools afforded, he entered Geneva College at Beaver Falls, Pa., where he was a student for a short time. Returning from college he took up the life of a farmer, which occupation he has since fol-

lowed. Since Mr. Carithers settled on his one hundred and twenty acres of land in Section 7, in 1888, he has made all of the improvements, and now has a nice house and good barn, and is well fixed for general farming. He sells about fifty or sixty head of hogs annually, and some six head of cattle. This year he has about twice as many hogs as he generally has.

Dec. 12, 1888, Mr. Carithers married Miss Rosanna Baird, a daughter of John and Catherine (McElhinney) Baird. Mrs. Carithers was born in Yellow Springs township, May 22, 1866, and received her education in the district schools of the same place. Her father came to Des Moines county in 1840 from Philadelphia, Pa. As time advanced, Mr. Baird was "getting on his feet," as the saying is, and each year found him better fixed in life. He added to his small tract of land till at his death, which occurred July 4, 1881, at the age of sixty-eight years, he owned three hundred and twenty acres of well-improved land. Mrs. Baird entered into her eternal rest April 14, 1900, aged seventy-eight. They were the parents of twelve children, and were members of the Reformed Presbyterian church.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Carithers two children have been born: John French, born July 30, 1890, and William Work, born July 11, 1899. Mr. Carithers has never cared for official recognition, as his farm has needed his undivided attention. He and his estimable wife are members of the Reformed Presbyterian church, where he has served as trustee for the past nine years. Mr. Carithers has always made it a point to attend to business before pleasure, and has taken much pains with his

home place. He is now very comfortably situated, and the straightforward and manly manner in which he has ever conducted his every-day life, both socially and in a commercial way, has gained for him the same good name that was accorded to his aged father, and being just in the prime of life, we predict for him a still brighter future.

WILLIAM D. INGHAM.

FOR a score of years William Delashmuth Inghram occupied a prominent place in the life and thought of Des Moines county as a leader in civic and educational activities, in both of which fields of endeavor he was widely known and influential, being recognized as a natural leader and the possessor of exceptional gifts and powers. A native son of Iowa, he was born in the year 1840 on his father's farm, one mile west of the present site of the village of West Burlington, a son of John and Sarah Ann (Delashmuth) Inghram. John Inghram, who was of Scotch-Irish descent, came to the West from Virginia in 1836, as did also, at about the same time the family of his wife, and they were married a few years afterward. They are survived by four daughters, sisters of our subject, as follows: Mrs. Catherine Parks, of near West Burlington; Mrs. Mary Graham, of Rock Island, Ill.; Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, of West Burlington; and Mrs. Agnes Chapman, a widow, also of West Burlington. The Inghram and Delashmuth families were among the early settlers of Des Moines county, and became very extensive landowners.

The boyhood and youth of Mr. Inghram

were passed upon his father's farm, he securing the foundation of his education in the public schools of the neighborhood. Later he entered Denmark Academy, where for several years he pursued further studies, and on leaving that institution, he took up the study of law, reading in the office of Starr & Phillips. He decided, however, to devote himself to the teaching profession, and for several years taught school in the "Cockayne" district, after which he was called to fill a vacancy in the teaching force of the public schools of Burlington. Here he spent the remaining years of his professional career, but soon after coming to the city he gave such proof of exceptional talents, and the high quality of his work attracted such attention, that he received rapid promotion. For the long period of twenty-two years he was principal of the Germania and North Oak schools, and throughout this time, by the energy, fairness, and efficiency of his methods, he enjoyed the increasing respect and admiration of the people and of leading educators throughout Iowa and of the neighboring States.

Mr. Inghram was a life-long Democrat, ever zealous in the service of his party, in whose main tenets he was a firm believer and for whose triumphs he labored with constant and conscientious zeal and single-hearted devotion. As a reward for his services, and in recognition of his ability and worth, he received in 1886 the nomination for the office of clerk of the district court, to which he was elected by a handsome majority; and as evidence of his great popularity and of the esteem in which he was generally held, he was three times re-elected. His reputation as a capable and honorable official was always very high, and he was his party's candidate for a fifth term when

his bright and useful career was cut short by the hand of death, for he died in the full enjoyment and prime of his powers, on the fourteenth day of October, 1894.

In 1867 the subject of this review was united in marriage to Miss Susan M. Coalter, daughter of Thomas J. and Melvina (Gardner) Coalter, who were married in their native State of Virginia, and came in 1841 to Iowa, where Mrs. Inghram was born in 1842. Her parents first settled at Mount Pleasant, residing there for six years, and then came to Burlington, where they remained. The father, who was by trade a carpenter, died in September, 1879, his own demise having been preceded by that of his wife in 1876, and they are buried in Aspen Grove cemetery. The father was a member of the Masonic order, and both were faithful adherents of the Methodist Episcopal church, and greatly respected for their Christian virtues and kindly traits of character. To them were born three daughters and two sons, as follows: Susan M., Mrs. Inghram; Laura O., wife of William Drury, of Los Angeles, Cal.; Emma J., deceased wife of Thomas Wagg, died in Burlington, in 1877; William N., of Landes, Wyo.; and Thomas J., who is postmaster of Flagstaff, Ariz.

Mrs. Inghram was educated in private schools and in the Baptist College at Burlington, and for ten years after leaving college was a teacher in the Germania, South Hill, and South Boundary schools of Burlington. It was while acting as assistant principal of the Germania school, during Mr. Inghram's principalship, that they became acquainted and were married, Mrs. Inghram continuing to teach for one year after her marriage. It is an interesting fact, and one well deserving of remark, that she was the first woman

to hold the position of principal in the Burlington schools.

To Mr. and Mrs. Inghram were born ten children, of whom seven still survive: John T., editor of the *Dubuque Enterprise*, married Miss Rosamond Simmons, and has two sons, John and Thomas; Carrie, who resides with Mrs. Inghram, has for twelve years been employed in the office of the county clerk; Laura, wife of Mr. Bragg, sheep ranchman of Wyoming, has three children, William, Robert, and Fred; William, who was unmarried, was accidentally killed while at work in the Santa Fé Railroad yards at Marceline, Mo., April 7, 1904, and is buried in Aspen Grove cemetery; Emily, who resides in Burlington, is the wife of Royal Andrew, traveling salesman for the firm of John Blaul & Sons; Zodic, familiarly known as "Ted," is a sheep ranchman of Wyoming; and Harry, who is still at home, is employed in a grocery store.

Mrs. Inghram has built a beautiful home at 1225 North Seventh Street, which is the center of a refined and cultured social circle. She is a lady of much ability and many social graces, and is an active worker in the First Methodist Episcopal church, as was also her husband. Fraternally, Mr. Inghram was a member of the Masonic order, with which he was affiliated for twenty-five years, and in which he was elevated to distinguished honors, having taken the thirty-third degree, and becoming very prominent in the order. He was a man whose character combined many high and admirable qualities; he was universally respected, and had many friends. His record of useful activity was long, and on every page was written in indelible characters the word "success;" but best of all he left to his children the heritage of an honorable name.

WILLIAM AUGUTTA.

DURING the early period of Burlington's history the subject of this review was for many years prominent in the city's affairs, and enjoyed high repute among her people because of his marked practical ability and his never-failing loyalty to the cause of progress and the right. He was born in Bedford, Bedfordshire, England, March 24, 1828, a son of Joseph and Mary (Bonfield) Augutta, the fourth of a family of seven children, all of whom are now deceased. He was reared in Bedford, which was also the native place of both his parents. As a boy of fourteen he was apprenticed to a barber, and learned that trade. About the age of twenty-five he decided to come to America, and after a six-weeks' voyage in a sailing vessel landed in New York, where for a time he was employed at his trade. From here he went to Cincinnati. After working at the latter city for a brief period he came West, arriving in Burlington in October, 1848. Here he was one of Burlington's early barbers, and for many years was located in the Barrett House, an old-time hostelry on the site of the present Tama building. There he conducted a three-chair shop, and was very successful in a pecuniary way, securing a large and profitable patronage. He accumulated considerable property, owning a lot at the corner of Third and Elm Streets, on which still stands a house that is a relic and landmark of early days, and also owning four lots on South Hill, where the family home has always been located, and still stands.

When twelve years of age Mr. Augutta sustained a severe injury by a fall on the ice, resulting in a stiffening of the knee through the formation of free cartilage at the knee

cap, and in later years this caused what is known as "white swelling." This made necessary the amputation of the limb, the operation being performed in Burlington by Dr. Ransom and Dr. Nassau. Mr. Augutta was shortly afterward elected to the office of city treasurer, and he gave his time principally to public affairs during the remainder of his life. In the position of treasurer he served under the administration of Mayors Teedrick and Robinson, and was also elected to the office of city clerk, serving one term. He affiliated with the Democratic party, in which he wielded great influence, and at whose hands he received signal honor, although he enjoyed much popularity with men of all parties.

In Burlington, on Jan. 22, 1855, he was united in marriage to Miss Jane Hays, who was born in Logan county, Ohio, a daughter of Samuel Hays, of Westmoreland county, Pa., and Violet (Watson) Hays of Ohio. Mrs. Augutta, whose mother died when she was but a baby of two years of age, is one of a family of four children, three of whom survive, the others being Robert Hays, of California, and Mrs. Margaret Rozier, of Clinton, Ill. The father remarried, and of this second union three children were born, only one of whom survives, namely, Mrs. Nettie Allander, of Missouri. The father of Mrs. Augutta was a farmer, but learned the trade of shoemaking, at which he worked at Jonesboro, Ill., and also in Burlington until he became too old for active employment. In Jonesboro, where he was well known, he held the office of justice of the peace, and was highly respected for the strength of his character. He died at the age of eighty-three, and is buried in Aspen Grove cemetery, Burlington.

To Mr. and Mrs. Augutta were born four children, of whom but two are now living. Minnie holds the position of book-keeper at Kelley's Agricultural Implement House, and Fannie is the wife of Mr. Eccles of Burlington, and has one child, Jane. William died Dec. 1, 1868, at the age of three months, and Joseph died at the age of twenty-eight years. The children were all young when, by death of their father, they were left to the exclusive care of the mother, and nobly has she performed her trust, giving to each the best of home training and educational advantages. Fannie (Mrs. Eccles) was educated in the public and high schools of Burlington, and before her marriage taught several terms in the city schools. Joseph attended the public school and also business college, on the completion of his education becoming a traveling salesman, a line of work in which he displayed unusual ability and promise. Miss Minnie, after quitting the public schools, pursued a thorough course of study in Elliott's Business College, of which she is a graduate. Since her husband's death Mrs. Augutta has erected a commodious residence at 1102 South Fourth Street, where she maintains a cheerful and pleasant home, and enjoys the society of cherished friends. She is a faithful member of the Baptist church and of its Aid Society, and was formerly a member of Ruth Lodge, Daughters of Rebecca, of Burlington, while Miss Minnie is a member of Paul Caster Lodge of the same order, being its treasurer at the present time.

Mr. Augutta was city treasurer of Burlington for nine years, holding that office at the time of his death, and his administration was universally commended for efficiency. He was a member of Washington Lodge,

No. 1, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he was at one time noble grand, and was also a member of Eureka Encampment in that order. He was a prominent worker in religious affairs, being a member of the Episcopal church, in which he was accustomed to conduct the ritualistic services. His tastes were in some degree literary, for he owned a library of goodly proportions and was an extensive reader, possessing great general information and breadth of mind. He died April 29, 1872, at the age of forty-four years, and was laid to rest in Aspen Grove cemetery, mourned by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, and universally and sincerely respected for his courageous and upright life. Domestic in his tastes and preferences, he was a loving father and an ideal husband, and to all his friends loyal, cordial, and unselfish.

Mrs. Augutta is a woman of much force of character, and for what she has achieved for her family by her own efforts is entitled to the highest credit and praise.

JOHN WALKINSHAW REED.

NUMBERED among the enterprising farmers of Yellow Springs township, Des Moines county, is John Walkinshaw Reed, and his efforts along agricultural lines have been productive of success in a gratifying measure. His whole business career has been one of a spotless character, and it is with much pleasure that we bring his record before our readers. He is the son of Mathew and Mary (Walkinshaw) Reed, and his birth occurred in Guernsey county, Ohio, Jan. 15, 1851. When only four years of age he

came with his parents to Yellow Springs township, where they at once purchased a farm and established a home for the comfort and pleasure of their growing family. They were the parents of the following seven children: Robert G.; Mary, married Mr. McElhinney, of Nebraska; Margaret, the wife of Albert McDonald; Lizzie, married John Robb; Rhoda, now Mrs. Oscar George, of Ohio; and William, of Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed, Sr., lived on this place till Mr. Reed passed away, which was in March, 1896. The mother, who has now reached her eightieth milestone, resides with her son, of this review. In 1881 Mr. Reed inherited eighty acres from his parents, and about 1885 he bought forty acres more. His father bought the farm he now lives on about 1856. At that time there was no improvement of any kind whatever, except one old board fence. Year by year he continued laboring here, and his efforts for the development of his land have resulted in making the property a valuable and productive one. The home place comprises some one hundred and sixty acres on Section 16. He also added eighty acres on Section 16 and eighty acres on Section 22, besides a piece of timber of about six and two-thirds acres in Benton township. He is one of the model farmers of this part of the county. Nothing is too much trouble for him to do that will bring about the best of results. His work is that of the ordinary farmer, but perhaps he makes a specialty of stock-raising more than some do. He raises about sixty head of fine hogs every year, and feeds two loads of blooded cattle, for which he has always been able to command a good price.

April 18, 1883, Mr. Reed was married to Miss Susanna Huston, a daughter of John and Susan (Craig) Huston. They have been blessed with four children, all of which are at home around the family board: Susanna, Tryphena, Mary Walkinshaw, Melville Eugene, and Eunice Rhoda Bell. They have all received a substantial education in their school district.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed are both members of the Reformed Presbyterian church, where they do much good toward the promotion of Christianity. There is perhaps no man held in higher esteem in Yellow Springs township than Mr. Reed. He possesses many sterling traits of character, and his high moral sense, his unflinching integrity, and his love for others have won for him unequalled confidence and the highest regard of all. His kindly spirit and genial disposition have ever brought him friends, and he has the happy faculty of drawing them nearer to him as the years pass by.

JOACHIM ANDRES MUMME.

MANY honest and upright Germans have come to America with the idea of obtaining better advantages here than could be obtained in the Fatherland, who, by their thrift, activity, and enterprise have greatly aided to make the community in which they settled to flourish and progress. Joachim Andres Mumme is a representative of this class, and well deserves mention in this review. He is a son of Frederick and Anna Maria (Mosel) Mumme, and was born in Prussia, Ger-



JOACHIM A. MUMME AND WIFE.

many, Sept. 14, 1846. His father was born in Prussia, Germany, June 19, 1816, and his mother was a native of the same place, being born Dec. 30, 1827. His parents, with their ten children, came to America in 1865, coming direct to Burlington, Iowa, where the father bought a farm of sixty acres, in Flint River township. There being thirty acres under cultivation, later he added forty acres, all on Section 16.

It was on this farm that the large family of ten children, born to Mr. and Mrs. Mumme, were raised to manhood and womanhood. The children are as follows: Joachim Andres, the oldest, of this review; Henry, in Danville township; John and Fred, of Nebraska; Ernst and Christ, of Flint River township; Maria Westerbeck, died in 1874; Dorothea Oge, of Danville township; Ann, who married Joe Brandmeier, of Canaan township, Henry county; and Sophia, who passed away in 1899.

Mr. Mumme died April 2, 1903, at the advanced age of eighty-seven years. He was a member of the German Lutheran church. In politics he was known as an independent, always voting for the man who according to his best judgment was most fitted for the office.

Our subject received his education in the common schools of his native place, after which he learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked for a number of years. One year before his father passed away he came to take care of his parents, and also to manage the farm, where he is now located and still caring for his aged and widowed mother.

Oct. 18, 1874, Mr. Mumme was married to Miss Hannah Westerbeck, daugh-

ter of Philip and Anna (Muhause) Westerbeck, who was born in Burlington, Iowa, April 14, 1857. When quite young her parents moved to Flint River township, where she received her education. Mr. and Mrs. Mumme have had one child, Minnie M., who is at home. He carries on general farming and stock-raising, having at the time of this writing four head of good horses, seventeen head of fine blooded cattle, and also raises from twenty to thirty-five fat hogs annually. He has built a nice house on his farm, his father having made all the other improvements.

Mr. Mumme was elected school director when he lived in Danville township. He has been Sunday-school superintendent for many years, and is now an honored trustee of the Union church, of Flint River township. He is a man of broad intellect, and enjoys reading very much, being well posted on all the current events of the day. He has always been interested along any lines that would better the farmers in general, as well as to promote the prosperity of his own township. Though he has lived only a little over three years on his present farm, still he is well known throughout the neighborhood. His business qualifications have attracted the attention of his associates, and his reputation is well established. He is a man much respected by all.

LYMAN COOK.

THE late Lyman Cook, pioneer merchant and banker of Burlington, was born on his father's farm in Bennington, Licking county, Ohio, June 6, 1820. He received a very fair

education for those early days, and upon his graduation from Denison College in Granville, Ohio, at the age of eighteen, secured a job as bookkeeper at the iron works in Zoar, Ohio, which he held for two years. In the spring of 1840 he came on horseback from his Ohio home to Burlington, the journey taking twenty-three days, where for a short time he was engaged in the provision and produce business. Retiring from that line of business, he embarked in the tin and hardware trade with John Prugh, a brother of Isaac Prugh, of this city. After Mr. Prugh's death in 1851, John W. White purchased an interest, and the firm of Cook & White flourished until 1854, when Mr. Cook sold out his interest and became a member of the private banking firm of White, Cook & Company. This firm continued until 1858, when Mr. Cook formed a partnership with John M. Baxter in the same line of business. This partnership continued until 1861, when Mr. Cook succeeded W. F. Coolbaugh as president of the Burlington branch of the State Bank of Iowa. He held this position until January, 1864, when the First National Bank was established and he was elected to its presidency, which he held until his death, Oct. 1, 1898.

In addition to bearing the more immediate responsibilities mentioned above, Mr. Cook was a director of the Iowa State Savings Bank, a director of the Burlington & Missouri River Railroad Company, a director of the old Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Missouri Railway Company, and a director of the Burlington & Northwestern Railway Company. Mr. Cook was also a member of the commission to organize the Union Pacific Railway Company in the convention held in Chicago in 1862.

In politics Mr. Cook was a stalwart Whig and Republican, and was several times honored by his party, being alderman from 1846 to 1850, mayor in 1851, 1852, and 1853, the last two terms having been elected without opposition, and from 1856 to 1860 State senator from this district. During the Civil War he was chosen by Governor Kirkwood to be commissary, and was particularly active in arranging for the equipment of the troops for the front. Mr. Cook enjoyed the confidence and friendship of the founders of the commonwealth of Iowa, his relations with the late Senator Grimes, Governor Kirkwood, and Governor Gear being of a most intimate nature.

Mr. Cook was twice married; his first wife being Miss Octavia Lorrain, whom he married in 1846. She died in 1856, leaving two children; the late H. T. Cook, who died in Colorado Springs in 1887, and Mrs. Thomas Hedge, wife of Congressman Hedge. In 1861 he was united in marriage to Mrs. Lucia G. St. John. Mrs. Wm. Carson of this city was the only child of the second marriage. Mrs. Cook died in 1897.

J. HENRY TAEGER.

WHILE "the race is not always to the swift, nor the battle to the strong," the invariable law of destiny accords to tireless energy, industry, and ability a successful career. The truth of this assertion is abundantly verified in the life of J. Henry Taeger, who is yet a young man and a prosperous farmer of Des Moines county, where he is receiving a good

profit from his labor. Mr. Taeger is a son of Fred and Elizabeth (Wicker) Taeger, and was born April 9, 1854. Reared under the parental roof, he acquired his education in the Fatherland, where he attended the public schools in accordance with the laws of that country. In 1869 his father, hoping he might find better openings for business in this country, crossed the Atlantic to the New World, and from the Atlantic proceeded into the western part of the country, locating in Des Moines county, Iowa, where he purchased a farm of fifty-six acres on Section 11, Flint River township. Here Mr. Taeger, Sr., was very successful, and was enabled to add twenty acres more to his farm. After a residence of twenty-five years the old gentleman passed away Nov. 18, 1895. His good wife outlived him about four years, her death occurring Feb. 16, 1899. They were both highly respected citizens, and their memory is still kindly cherished in the hearts of relatives and friends. They were the parents of two sons: Fred William, deceased; and J. Henry, of this review. Our subject thus fell sole heir to this beautiful farm, and virtually took up the thread of the work where his father left off. He has since enlarged the farm, adding forty acres to it, and his stock has increased so that now he has nineteen horses and cattle.

April 3, 1883, Mr. Taeger was united in marriage to Miss Anna Matilida Minnie Tiedge, daughter of George and Minnie (Schultz) Tiedge. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Taeger were born the following nine children, all of whom are living: Anna Maria Minnie, born April 14, 1884; Mary Lizzie, born May 15, 1886; Henry Fred, born Aug. 28, 1888; Effie Anna, born Feb. 13,

1890; Edith Maria, born April 4, 1892; George Louis, May 29, 1893; Lydia Katie Mary, born June 12, 1898; John Herbert Fred, born Jan. 16, 1901; Ruth Louisa, born Oct. 5, 1904. The children have all attended the schools in their immediate district.

Politically, Mr. Taeger is independent, and has served with great satisfaction on the school board since 1897. Mr. and Mrs. Taeger are members of the Lutheran church known as the "Steeple Church" of Flint River township, and are people of sterling worth, having many friends in this community.

MRS. MARGARET HECKENBURG.

MARGARET HECKENBURG, widow of Henry A. Heckenburg, has long been a well-known resident of Huron township, and is a member of one of the representative German-American families of Des Moines county. She herself is a native of Germany, being born in that country at Byron, on May 16, 1864, the daughter of John and Margaret (Bowers) Murrmann. She came with her parents to America in 1870, when she was only six years of age. They came directly to Burlington, her parents almost immediately buying a farm of eighty acres in Louisa county, Iowa. Mrs. Heckenburg was one of four children born to them, the others being: Elizabeth, born Oct. 14, 1854, and now the wife of Louis Otto, of Burlington; Fred, now principal of North Oak School, in Burlington; George G., born May 27, 1866, now living on a large farm of two hundred acres, which he owns, in Louisa county.

Mrs. Heckenburg received her education

in the district schools of Louisa county, and grew to womanhood there, learning the practical life of the farm from a woman's standpoint. Her parents continued to make their home on the old place in Louisa county till the death of the father, which occurred in 1875. His widow survived him for nearly thirty years, living most of the time on the old home place, but finally coming to make her home with Mrs. Heckenburg, after the death of the latter's husband, in 1899. Here she remained till the time of her death, which event occurred on April 5, 1902, she being at that time seventy years of age.

Our subject became the wife of Henry A. Heckenburg on Dec. 24, 1884, the ceremony being performed at Burlington. Four years later they purchased the farm of one hundred acres in Section 36, Huron township, on which Mrs. Heckenburg continues to reside, and where he carried on farming operations during the remainder of his life. He was a thorough believer in the principles advocated by the Democratic party, and was a consistent follower of the standard upheld by the leaders of that organization. He possessed much ability, had a wide acquaintance, and enjoyed the friendship of many, who respected him for the sterling qualities of his character, his energy, and the strict honor and integrity which marked him in every relation of life. He was a member of the German Lutheran church, and was a true and devout Christian, being faithful to his religion until his death, which occurred Jan. 19, 1899. A public-spirited citizen, a kind husband and indulgent father, ever generous, sympathetic, and true, his loss was in every sense a calamity, and one which no favor of fortune can ever repair.

To Mr. and Mrs. Heckenburg were born four sons, as follows: Walter F., born Oct.

25, 1885; Charles E., born Sept. 1, 1888; Arthur T., born Oct. 14, 1893; and Edward George, born April 25, 1897, all still living, and at home with their mother. Left by the death of her husband with the sole care of four children, the eldest only fourteen years of age and the youngest two, Mrs. Heckenburg has exhibited much strength of character and Christian fortitude, meeting and fulfilling her difficult obligations with extraordinary ability, and proving herself equal to the unexpected and trying situations arising from her station in life.

She is a member of the Lutheran church, in which she is an active and very helpful worker, bringing up her children in the faith, doing much to advance the cause of religion in her community, and setting, by her own life, an example of humble Christian piety, faith, and charity. She has merited the admiration of all, and of her it may truly be said that to few or none in this section has come a greater measure of esteem.

ROBERT FRANCIS ELLIOTT.

MR. ELLIOTT, who is now engaged in the livery business, in West Burlington, and is known as one of the most able and successful business men of the county, as well as occupying a position among the foremost supporters of all progressive measures intended for the public welfare, was born in Flint River township, Des Moines county, Iowa, on Aug. 4, 1860, the son of James J. and Ellen (Whaylen) Elliott. James J. Elliott, father of our subject, was a native of Limerick, Ireland, whence he emigrated to America and located in the city of Burlington, Iowa, in the year 1855, residing

in that place for a period of three years, at the end of which time he removed, in 1858, to a farm of forty acres near Middletown, which he operated very successfully in connection with another valuable tract of ninety acres near West Burlington, and it was there that he lived the remainder of his useful life, and enjoyed the universal regard and respect of his fellow-citizens until his death, which occurred March 1, 1891, in the eighty-second year of his age. He was twice married, first in Ireland, and by that union was the father of one son, Patrick; while to his second marriage were born eight children, Thomas, Hugh, Robert, Anna, James, Eliza, William, and Ellen, all of whom are now deceased with the exception of Robert, our subject, and Ellen, who is the wife of William E. Frasier, of West Burlington. The mother of this family is still living on the old home farm, being now sixty-seven years of age.

Robert Elliott passed his early years on his father's farm, in the various and exacting duties in which he was often employed, and during his boyhood and youth secured an excellent education in the public schools of his township, this being wisely supplemented, however, by a course of training in a special school conducted by Professor Graft, and he also took a course in technology under Professor Duffy, both of Burlington. Upon the completion of this schooling he took up the duties of practical life by engaging in work as a deliveryman on a milk route in Burlington, continuing in this employment for the two years of 1881 and 1882; he then became traveling representative, for one year, for Segner & Conduit, publishers, of Burlington; after which he established himself in the coal, wood, and ice business in West Burlington, in part-

nership with Mr. John McPake. This connection was maintained for two years, at the expiration of which period he purchased the interest of Mr. McPake, and after the lapse of another two years discontinued the wood business, but still retained the ice business, and in connection with this, for the space of four years, operated his father's farm with very gratifying success in a pecuniary way.

Meantime he had also built the fine livery stable which is occupied by his present business, and by good judgment and courteous treatment of the public, has secured a very extensive patronage; but owing to the financial difficulties which were general throughout this section in the year 1888, he sold the livery barn to his father at that time, repurchasing it, however, on the death of his father, in 1890. In 1892 he turned his talents to the cigar manufacturing business, to which he devoted much attention for about a year and a half; but with that exception, has for many years given his time, thought, and ability to building up and maintaining at a high standard the livery business, which is now his principal interest, and which has yielded a good reward for his efforts. He maintains a stable of eight horses, with the most up-to-date equipment in quality and appearance, and so well has he studied and supplied the needs of the public that this is now the only institution of the kind in West Burlington, its resources proving amply sufficient for the needs of its patrons.

On Sept. 21, 1888, Mr. Elliott was united in marriage to Miss Mary Cook, daughter of Edward Cook, and there graced this union five children, two sons and three daughters, these being Ada, Edward, Robert, Marie, and Winnifred. As one who has at heart

the good of the community in which he resides, Mr. Elliott has always taken an active interest in important public affairs, being an influential worker for the success of the Democratic party, of which he is a valuable and valued member; and as an evidence of the esteem in which he is held, and the confidence reposed in him by those who know him best, he has been elected to the offices of constable and of marshal of the village, serving in these positions with credit to his own ability and to general satisfaction. He was also chief of West Burlington Fire Department for two years. Thus in all relations of life he has achieved success, according to the full measure of his natural endowments.

WILLIAM FICHTHORN.

WILLIAM FICHTHORN, one of the early settlers of Des Moines county, now residing on his farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Section 18, Jackson township, was born in Ross county, Ohio, Oct. 27, 1838, the son of Solomon and Salinda (Strope) Fichthorn. The father was born in Pendleton county, Virginia, Nov. 7, 1799, and lived in that State till he was about twelve years of age, when he went with his parents to Ross county, Ohio. There he afterward took up farming, and later moved to Fayette county, Ohio, where his father, Philip Fichthorn, grandfather of our subject, had purchased a large tract of land. There Solomon Fichthorn made his home until 1852, when he came to Iowa, locating in Louisa county, about six miles south of Wapello, where he farmed on rented land till 1861. In

that year he moved to Des Moines county, locating in Yellow Springs township, but after a short time moved to Huron township, and there bought one hundred acres. This land he improved, and there he lived till his death, which occurred Dec. 25, 1881.

His wife, Salinda (Strope) Fichthorn, was a native of Pennsylvania, being born in that State in 1811, and living to an age of fifty-two years, dying in Yellow Springs township, this county, July 29, 1863. She was a member of the Christian church. They were the parents of five children, all of whom are still living: Catherine lives in Huron township, and is the wife of Isaac Williams; Martha, wife of Robinson McCray, lives at Monmouth, Ill.; William, the immediate subject of this sketch; Elizabeth is the wife of George Lynch, of Pierce county, Wisconsin; Mary N. is the wife of Andrew Olson, of Pierce county, Wisconsin.

Solomon Fichthorn always engaged in farming and stock-raising, and in politics was an adherent to the principles of the Republican party. Both he and his wife lie buried in the cemetery in Yellow Springs township.

William Fichthorn received his early education in the common schools in Ross county, Ohio, and at the same time assisted with the work upon the home farm. He remained in Ohio until he was fourteen years of age, when he came with his parents to Iowa. After that he remained at home until he was a man grown, and finally, at the age of twenty-seven years, started out for himself. For the first year he rented land in Yellow Springs township, and then purchased his present farm in Jackson township. This land he

has improved in every possible way, and has erected a fine, large, modern two-story house, besides other buildings that have been erected from time to time. In addition to the home place he has added to his holdings from time to time, until he now owns two hundred and forty acres of rich farm land in Jackson township, all improved. He is engaged in general farming and stock-raising.

Mr. Fichthorn has always been a Republican in his political beliefs, and has been a strong worker for his party in his home township. His fellow-citizens have recognized his worth by giving him the gift of the highest office in the township in their power to bestow—that of trustee of the township, a position which he has filled with credit to himself and advantage to the community for a number of years. Previous to this he had at various times been elected to several of the minor offices of the community.

April 19, 1865, Mr. Fichthorn was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Ballard, who was born in this county, and is the daughter of Albin and Lydia (Whitford) Ballard. The father, Albin Ballard, was born Aug. 7, 1807, in Providence county, Rhode Island, and settled in Ohio at an early day, farming there for a number of years. His wife died in 1854, and he afterward worked at the carpenter's trade. He came to Iowa about 1867, and made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Fichthorn until his death, which occurred May 9, 1881, while they were living in Yellow Springs township. He and Mrs. Ballard were the parents of several children, of whom only one besides Mrs. Fichthorn is now living.

To Mr. and Mrs. Fichthorn have been

born three children, all born in Huron township, this county, and all now living: Lottie R. is the wife of Jacob Young, a prosperous farmer of Jackson township, where he owns two hundred acres of land. He has been assessor, and also supervisor of highways, for a number of years. They have three children, Ruth, Earl and Frank. Martha is the wife of Ira McNaught, of Mediapolis, a complete sketch of whose life appears in this history. Manford Lamar resides on the farm in Section 30, Jackson township, which belongs to his father. He himself is the owner of a farm of two hundred and sixty acres of land. He married Miss Lizzie MacMullahy.

As an early resident of Iowa, Mr. Fichthorn has been an interested witness of nearly all the vast and wonderful improvements which have marked the progress of Des Moines county from a rude and inhospitable region to its present proud position as one of the richest farming communities of the Mississippi Valley, and in this great development he has borne a goodly share, as he continues to do. For this and for the honorable course he has pursued in all his dealings with his fellow-men, he has the respect of all who know him, and is widely known throughout Des Moines county as a man of marked talent for business and agricultural pursuits on a large scale, and as one who has won a high degree of success.

JOHN PETER HELLENTHAL.

JOHN PETER HELLENTHAL is one of the prominent and highly esteemed agriculturists of Huron township, Des Moines

county, where he has lived for many years. He is a son of John and Mary (Hornstein) Hellenthal, and was born in Bavaria, Germany, Dec. 9, 1852. He attended the parish schools in Germany till he was twelve years of age, and then sailed for America with his parents, who made the trip by way of New York, and came direct to Burlington, Iowa. In the course of a short time his father bought a farm of one hundred acres in Benton township, where he lived and farmed very successfully for a number of years. He remained on the home place till he was twenty-four years old, and then began to work by the month. In 1877 he rented a farm in Huron township, where he lived one year, and then purchased forty acres of land in Benton township, where he was a general farmer and stock man for many years.

Moving to Burlington he was employed in the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad shops for six months as a carpenter under William Hopey, and then worked along by the day for the next three years, when he returned to his farm, where he stayed for some years. Selling this farm, he bought another one in Section 35, in Huron township, from Jake Peterson. This farm consisted of ninety acres, and was well adapted for general farming and stock-raising.

April 10, 1877, Mr. Hellenthal wedded Miss Francis Lamm, daughter of Benjamin and Francis Lamm. Mrs. Hellenthal was born in Kingston, Des Moines county, Iowa, Feb. 2, 1857. Her parents were both born in Germany, and came to America a few years after their marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Lamm were the parents of four children: Oequeena, born July 16,

1852, married Mathew Frederspeil, and lives in Burlington, Iowa; William, born in 1854, is married, and resides in Nebraska; Mary, born Nov. 15, 1855, is the wife of Charles Bassett, of Elmira, N. Y. They are all members of the Roman Catholic church. Mr. and Mrs. Lamm both died when Mrs. Hellenthal was very young.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hellenthal eight children have been born: Mary Matilda, born Aug. 9, 1881, and married Sept. 27, 1905, at West Burlington, Iowa, to Elmer Strawhacker, who is a farmer; Lena Francis, born June 24, 1884; Adolph John, born Aug. 10, 1886; Lulu W., born Oct. 12, 1891; Edward Joseph, born June 14, 1894. Three children died in infancy, and are buried in the Catholic cemetery.

Mr. Hellenthal votes the Democratic ticket, but does not aspire to public office. He has witnessed many changes in the county, and has ever been willing and ready to assist in all measures that would be for the improvement of the township. He is of a genial disposition and accommodating nature, and his great success in life has been largely achieved by his own efforts. His legion of friends always find him upright and honorable in all things, and a man whose word is as good as his bond.

ELMER ELLSWORTH CALDWELL.

ELMER ELLSWORTH CALDWELL belongs to one of the prominent and pioneer families of Des Moines county, and is a man of much strength of character. He is a son of Milton and Martha (William) Caldwell, whose life record appears elsewhere in this

volume. His birth occurred in Washington township, Des Moines county, Feb. 6, 1867. He began his substantial education in the district schools of his native township, and later attended the schools in Morning Sun, Iowa, for several years.

For many years he resided with his parents on the farm, where he learned all about farming and the care of stock. In 1894 he and his brother, John Jamison, bought one hundred and sixty acres of land in Section 15, Yellow Springs township, and in 1901 they were enabled to purchase eighty more, in Section 14. It is considered very good farm land, and is more especially so since Mr. Caldwell has laid much tile to drain the farm. He is quite a successful stock man, as he raises from one hundred and sixty to one hundred and seventy head of hogs and twelve head of fine calves annually, besides feeding one car-load of cattle, which he ships to the Eastern markets.

Mr. Caldwell and his brother and sister live together on the farm. They are members in high standing of the United Presbyterian church, where they attend regularly. Their home is pleasant and attractive.

Mr. Caldwell has ever lived the life of an honest, upright citizen, always ready to advance the best interests of the community, and to-day he stands among the honored and respected farmers of the township.

WILLIAM FREDERICK DANNIES.

WILLIAM FREDERICK DANNIES has been well known in industrial circles of Burlington for a number of years, and is a carpenter who bears an excellent reputation as a skilled artisan, gaining a proficiency in the

chosen line of his pursuit that has made his services in constant demand. Mr. Dannies was born Feb. 23, 1860, in Prussia, Germany. His parents, Frederick and Maria (Schachel) Dannies, came to America in 1871 by way of New York, and from there to Burlington, Iowa, where they remained only a few months, moving to Augusta township, Des Moines county, where the father purchased a farm, which he developed and improved, and upon which he lived till his death, which occurred in 1899, at the age of eighty years. The mother and wife died in 1890, being fifty-nine years old. This worthy couple were the parents of four children: William Frederick, our subject; Adolph, a farmer and stock-raiser, of Burlington, Colo.; Louisa, who married William B. Madlaner, and lives on the home farm in Augusta township; Louis, also a prosperous farmer of Augusta, and a twin brother of Mrs. Madlaner.

William F. Dannies is indebted to the common schools of Prussia and this country for his educational privileges. At the age of twelve years he came to America with his parents, and worked on his father's farm for several years, and for a number of years following worked out by the month for various farmers of the neighborhood. During this time he had also had a little experience in carpenter work, and seemed to like it better than farm work, so that in 1884 he abandoned farm life to learn this trade with A. M. Ziegler, with whom he was employed for some six years. Soon after this Mr. Dannies began contracting in Augusta township, and was very successful, building many of the rural buildings there. He moved to Burlington in 1897, where he had bought a lot the year before, and built his present home of eight rooms at 809 Starr Avenue,

having also a convenient shop on the lot adjoining, where he is engaged in all kinds of carpenter and contract work. Mr. Dannies has built many residences in the city, and in the summer of 1905 built the United Presbyterian church, at the corner of Division and Gunnison Streets. He has erected many other residences, which are all a great credit to his skill and handiwork. He was elected president of the Builders' and Contractors' Association in January, 1905, and is also vice-president of the General Mechanics' Association.

Mr. Dannies was married Jan. 13, 1897, to Miss Matilda Hohl, daughter of Jacob and Dorothy (Weman) Hohl, by whom he has had three children: Emily, aged seven; Clara, aged five; and Edward, aged two years. Mrs. Dannies was born in Burlington, Iowa, her parents both coming to America from Germany when very young, and located in Burlington over fifty-one years ago, where they were married. Her father, who was a gardener, died in 1900, aged sixty-nine years. The wife and mother passed away in 1899 at the age of fifty-eight years. Mr. and Mrs. Hohl were the parents of six children, namely: Emma, who is now Mrs. P. J. Paule, of Burlington; John J.; Matilda, wife of our subject; Edward; William, a resident of Helena, Mont., is employed on the Great Northern Railroad; Clara, who makes her home with her sister, Mrs. Dannies. The grandparents of Mrs. Dannies came to Burlington in early colonial times, and located on what is now known as South Hill, when there were only three houses on the hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Dannies are both Christian people, and members of the German Evangelical Zion church. Politically, Mr. Dannies is a Republican, but does not aspire

to office. He has always been reliable and trustworthy, and yet it is not his business record alone that makes him widely and favorably known in the city and vicinity. His character and upright manhood have gained him the confidence and good-will of all, so that he is highly respected by those with whom he is associated in the active walks of life.

JOHN LINCOLN JONES.

JOHN L. JONES lives on the place where his birth occurred, and is well known in the county. He is one of the most extensive stock-raisers in this part of the State, and therefore well deserves mention in this review. The grandfather of our subject was a native of Anglesea, North Wales, and died Sept. 19, 1875, aged seventy-three years; and his wife, a native of the same place, passed away Feb. 27, 1873, also seventy-three years old. They were the parents of seven children: John R.; Robert; Thomas; William; Sarah, married Rev. T. W. Evans, and died at Columbus Junction in 1880; David, of the province of Alberta, Canada, served in the Civil War; and Isaac, whose whereabouts are unknown.

The parents of John L., of this review, were both born in Wales, his father being born in Anglesea in 1825, came to this country in 1845, and settled at once in Des Moines county. Here he purchased eighty acres of land in Section 30, and added to this until at the time of his death, which occurred Jan. 1, 1901, he owned three hundred and twenty acres of the best land in Yellow Springs township,

most of which was in a high state of cultivation. His wife's birth occurred in Balla, North Wales, in 1823. She was married in Wales, when very young, to John Hughes, who died shortly after they came to America, leaving one daughter, Hannah S., who married W. Z. Lloyd, of Atlantic, Iowa. By her marriage to J. R. Jones there were seven children that grew to maturity: Robert R., died in 1900, aged forty-nine years, leaving a widow and six children residing in Cotter, Iowa; William R., died in 1879, at the age of twenty-seven years; Sarah A., married Thomas L. Jones, and lives in Kansas; Elizabeth Jane, is the wife of J. C. E. Yohe, and resides in Morning Sun, Iowa; Mary Ellen, Mrs. G. H. Archer, died in October, 1882; John L., of this review; and David Owen, lives in Sioux City, S. Dak., and is a shoe merchant.

Mrs. John R., mother of John L., passed away in March, 1893, at the age of seventy years. Her name in maidenhood was Gwen Owen, and she was a woman possessing all the noble traits of character that go to make up a true wife and devoted mother.

John L., our immediate subject, was born in Yellow Springs township, Des Moines county, March 19, 1862, where he attended school for a number of years, and later took a course in Elliott's Business College, in Burlington, Iowa. He was reared as a farmer, and has followed the same vocation all of his life, also raising a great deal of stock. For the past ten years he has been a breeder of Hereford cattle, having now some seventy-five head of this breed and forty head of common breeds. He has established a fine reputation in stockmen circles, and is one

of the leading members of the Hereford association of stock-breeders. He ships stock to all parts of the State.

June 27, 1888, Mr. Jones was married to Miss Sarah E. Portlock, daughter of D. L. and Elizabeth Jane (Fleenor) Portlock, and they have been blessed with four children: Ralph L., Laura W., Bertha Gertrude; and Detlef Owen.

Politically, Mr. Jones is a strong Republican, and in 1895 was elected township trustee, and has been re-elected four consecutive terms. His farm comprises four hundred and fifty acres of land, and we are pleased to say that all is under cultivation except about fifty acres of pasture. As a citizen, Mr. Jones is ever ready to do his part in building up the place in which he resides. Like his father, he is a man of strong convictions, and that which he considers right he will advocate, however much he may be opposed or ridiculed. A man of this make-up makes friends of all and is a strong pillar in a community.

When the Jones family came to this county they first built a stone house near the creek, it being a branch of Flint Creek, so they would be near to obtainable water sources. In this stone house, located in the rolling timber lands, they lived until 1848, when the father of J. L. was married, and built a log cabin on the site of the present home of J. L., and which stood until about 1896, when it was torn down. In the meantime, about 1882, Mr. Jones erected the present fine residence, which is one of the elegant homes of the township.

The conditions were truly primitive when this family came, the country being wild and unbroken, and the nearest neigh-

bor being a long distance away. On the north of the old stone home there was not another building between that and Virginia Grove, which was situated west of Morning Sun. The prairie at that time was swampy, and was not considered to be worth anything, until one man put in tile. It being a wet year, people came for many miles to see the enormous corn that grew on this property, while his neighbors' crops were drowned entirely. From that time developments have been such from time to time, that now the swampy land has been transformed into the most fertile soil in the State of Iowa.

THOMAS LEANDER SMITH.

THOMAS LEANDER SMITH is the oldest native son of Franklin township, his birth having occurred here on Feb. 17, 1839. His parents were Tillman and Nancy (Doughty) Smith, the former a native of North Carolina, born July 18, 1810; and the latter of Tennessee, born March 15, 1816. The paternal grandfather, Phillip Smith, was also born in North Carolina, married Nancy Cooper in Tennessee, and coming to Sangamon county, Illinois, lived there till their death. The father, a pioneer of Des Moines county, first came here in 1833, and brought his family in 1835. He entered four hundred and fifty-four acres of land in Section 16, Franklin township, which was half timber and half prairie. He placed all of the improvements upon that property, developing the farm from the wilderness, and transforming it into a highly pro-

ductive tract. It required much arduous labor in breaking the sod, tilling the fields, clearing away the trees, and doing all the other work incident to opening up a new farm; but Mr. Smith was an energetic and enterprising man, and his labors accomplished an excellent result. His death occurred April 28, 1874, and he was survived for about thirteen years by his wife, who died Nov. 9, 1887. His home was the early meeting place of the pioneer Methodists.

Thomas Leander Smith was the second son in a family of five sons and seven daughters, and was reared upon the old home farm amid pioneer surroundings and environments. In 1861 he enlisted in the Thirty-ninth Volunteer Infantry, and was with his company at Fort Madison and Davenport; but after two months he was rejected, his teeth not being sufficiently strong to bite off the cartridge. He remained on the home farm until twenty-five years of age, when he started out in life on his own account. He had acquired a good education in the public schools, and followed teaching for about fifteen years. He then began farming by renting land, and was thus engaged until 1886, when he began teaming at Burlington, Iowa, at which he continued for two years. He also became the owner of two houses and lots in Burlington, which he afterward sold, and purchased his present farm of eight and one-half acres, one-half mile north of Doddsville, taking up his abode in the residence upon this place in 1889. In 1902 he bought thirty acres of land on Section 18, Franklin township, of which twenty-five acres was timber land. The greater part of his life has been devoted to agricultural pursuits, and his



THOMAS L. SMITH.

energy and labor have resulted in bringing him a creditable measure of success.

In April, 1876, Mr. Smith was united in marriage at Doddsville, to Miss Lizzie Minard, a daughter of Robert and Elenora (Ruley) Minard. They were early residents of Dubuque, where Mrs. Smith was born, but later moved to Burlington, where she was educated. Later, he worked at his trade, harness-making, at Muscatine, but returned to Burlington, where the father died in 1898. The mother still lives in Burlington. Though Mr. and Mrs. Smith have had no children of their own, they have reared and adopted a son, Thomas Raymond, who is still with them.

In his political views Mr. Smith is a Democrat, keeping well informed upon the questions and issues of the day, being thus able to support his position by intelligent argument. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, and is well known in his community as a man of genuine worth; while Mrs. Smith is a consistent member of the Presbyterian church.

As stated, he is the oldest native son of Franklin township residing within its borders, and as a pioneer settler has witnessed the wonderful changes that have occurred here as roads have been laid out, the land subdivided into farms, the work of tilling the soil carried on, while churches and schools have been built, and in the towns and cities many industrial and commercial enterprises have been established. Mr. Smith has taken great pride in what has been accomplished here, and is a worthy citizen, contributing to the support of all progressive measures which he deems of public benefit.

WILLIS ERWIN DOWNER.

THE gentleman whose name heads this sketch is a native-born citizen of Des Moines county, where he has resided since birth, and is therefore well and favorably known throughout the county. Willis Erwin Downer, a son of Erwin and Lydia (Patterson) Downer, was born in the village of Mediapolis, Oct. 1, 1870. He was educated in the common schools at Kossuth, Iowa, and later took up farming on his father's farm, where he remained for many years. He has always been a very successful tiller of the soil, and has witnessed many changes in and about his native township.

Mr. Downer is one of three children, being the second born; the others are: Lizzie, now Mrs. Henry Nichols, who lives at Sperry, Iowa; and Leah, now Mrs. Wm. Stout, of Burlington. His mother passed away in 1902, aged sixty-five years; his father is living with his daughter, Mrs. Wm. Stout, of Burlington.

When he had become of mature years Mr. Downer married Miss Amy Parker, daughter of Irving and Margaret (Beard) Parker, whose birth occurred in Monmouth, Ill., Sept. 24, 1880. Her father died in Arkansas in 1895, aged fifty-eight years. Mrs. Parker passed away at Monmouth, Ill., a number of years prior to her husband's death, when Mrs. Downer was but four years old.

Mrs. Downer lived with, and was married from the home of her sister Ellen, who was the wife of Joseph Hobbs, and resided in Mediapolis for a number of years. Mrs. Hobbs died in 1903.

As time has passed Mr. and Mrs. Downer have had two children added to

their household: Stella Marie, born Aug. 4, 1898; and Clifford, born Jan. 9, 1901.

For some years Mr. Downer acted as a tile contractor, and has done a great deal of tiling and ditching in this section of the country. But in September, 1905, he engaged with the Iowa Central Railroad, and recently removed to Morning Sun, Iowa, where he now lives.

In politics Mr. Downer is a staunch Republican, but has never aspired to office. He has now been a continuous resident of Des Moines county for some thirty-five years, and during that time has so conducted his affairs that he has not only won success, but also a good name.

FERDINAND H. KLINDT.

FERDINAND H. KLINDT, deceased, was a native of Holstein, Germany, born Aug. 21, 1840, a son of James Klindt. He was educated in the schools of the Fatherland, and was reared to manhood there. Thinking that he might have better business opportunities in the New World, of whose advantages and privileges he had heard such favorable reports, Mr. Klindt resolved to try his fortune in America, and accordingly crossed the Atlantic to New York in 1861. He worked for five years at the machinist's trade in the State of New York, and then made his way westward to Burlington, Iowa, and secured employment in the shops of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, where he continued, with the exception of six months at Clinton, Iowa, until Aug. 10, 1889, when his life's labors were ended in death. His long

connection with the business was proof of his fidelity and the trust reposed in him by those who employed him. He was an excellent workman, and his diligence and trustworthiness secured him a good position.

On Dec. 2, 1869, near Davenport, he married Sophia W. Schoel. She was born in Holstein, Germany, May 11, 1845, and in 1852 came to America with her parents, Frederic and Catherine Schoel, who settled near Davenport, following the business of a gardener, and later managing a gentleman's fruit farm. There was Mrs. Klindt's home until her marriage.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Klindt were born seven children: George J., a plumber and steamfitter, residing in Burlington; Clara C., at home; Alfred J., living in Elgin, Ill.; Frank C., a toolmaker of Clinton, Iowa; John and Fred W., both at home; and Bertha S., also at home.

Mr. Klindt was a Democrat in his political views, and had a strong attachment for the land of his adoption and its institutions. When called to his final rest his remains were interred in the cemetery at Burlington. After his demise Mrs. Klindt lived with her family in Burlington until August, 1902, and then removed to the vicinity of Danville, settling upon a tract of rented land of one hundred and thirty acres, where they conducted a dairy, owning a number of cows. In 1904 the present farm of one hundred and twenty acres was purchased, which is devoted to dairying. They keep thirty-seven head of cattle, making butter and selling cream to the Burlington trade, and the business has proved quite profitable and remunerative, being the largest of its kind in this vicinity.

JOHN DILON BRIDGES.

No history of Des Moines county would be complete without reference to John Dilon Bridges, a native of Iowa and for many years a farmer of this county, who is now one of the leading contractors in Mediapolis. He is a representative of one of the prominent pioneer families of the county, being the son of David Morris and Claressa (Haight) Bridges. His birth occurred on Feb. 14, 1845, in Yellow Springs township. He was reared on his father's farm and attended the schools of his neighborhood. These were the old subscription schools, held in log school houses with puncheon floors, and half-round slabs for seats and benches, which in later times became the free schools.

He remained under the parental roof till the Civil War broke out, and then enlisted April 6, 1863, in Company C, Seventh Iowa Cavalry, at Burlington, being mustered into service at Davenport, Iowa, and mustered out at Leavenworth, Kans., in 1866. He was engaged in many battles with the Indians on the frontier between Dakota and New Mexico. In Missouri, while on guard over a lot of rebels that had been captured, he was wounded in the knee, and had to lay by in the hospital at Brownville for three months. When the war closed he was honorably discharged, and returned to his native county, where he learned the trade of a wagon- and buggy-maker with Leonard Gilson, of Kossuth, with whom he remained for two years.

About this time, March 2, 1868, he was married to Miss Marcy Jane Vincent, a daughter of William and Sarah (Eddy) Vincent, and a native of Ohio. She came

alone to Iowa during her girlhood days, and was here married. Her parents had eleven children, of whom four sons were in the Civil War, two of which died in service. The children were as follows: Ansel, David, Cyrus, and James, who were the soldiers; Justus; Lydia, married James Agin; and Amy E., wife of James Bartlett. The two last mentioned reside in Ohio.

By the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Bridges six children have been born: Wesley Dennit, a resident of Grunda Center; William Morris, died at the age of thirteen months; Frederick Grant, assists his father; Minerva Jane, familiarly known as Minnie Jane, at home; John Morris, and Sarah Abigail, known as Sadie, at home.

In 1869 Mr. Bridges went to live in Girard, Kans., where he was engaged in carpenter work for the following three years. In 1872 he moved his family back to Iowa, and located in Mediapolis, where he worked by the day for some years. Since 1880 he has been contracting, and is now one of the leading contractors of frame buildings in the village. He is a skilled mechanic, as his handiwork on many of the prominent residences and business houses in his city will show. The beautiful Masonic Temple is the last business place that he has had the contract for.

Mr. Bridges was brought up in the Methodist faith, and his daughters are members of the Baptist church. Politically, he is a LaFollette Republican, but usually votes independently, and has never aspired to office. He is a member of the Masons, and also of the Grand Army of the Republic, of which he has been

commander. He is a man who has had his ups and downs in life, but has always been active, enterprising, and straight-forward in his dealings with men, and by so doing he has established an honorable reputation, and enjoys the confidence and friendship of all with whom he is brought in contact.

CHARLES AUGUST BREUER.

CHARLES AUGUST BREUER, of Flint River township, Des Moines county, is numbered among the progressive and enterprising farmers of Southeastern Iowa, and his efforts along agricultural lines have been productive of success in gratifying measure. He is a son of Frederick and Caroline (Gerling) Breuer, and is a native of this township, his birth having occurred on Section 5, Aug. 8, 1850. His father, one of the early pioneers of Flint River township, located on Section 5 in 1844, his family being one of the first in this township. Indians and wild animals roamed about everywhere at this time, and the whole county was in a wild and uncultivated state, but Mr. Breuer, Sr., lived to see many valuable improvements throughout the whole township, as his death did not occur till 1886.

Our subject was educated in the first schools of his home district, and was brought up as a farmer, which occupation he has followed ever since except for two years, when he engaged in the general merchandise business in Pleasant Grove township with Fred Kuhlenbeck. Selling his interest in the business to Fred Breuer, he returned to the farm, and has since been located here. In 1876 he bought his present farm of one

hundred and twenty acres from his father, and has added to it from time to time till he now has about one hundred and eighty acres. He is engaged in general farming and stock-raising, meeting with the best results in both undertakings.

Feb. 18, 1872, Mr. Breuer married Miss Christina Mary Wischmeier, daughter of Frederick and Anna Mary (Able) Wischmeier, who is also a native of Flint River township, her birth occurring Oct. 13, 1850, on Section 9. She too attended the early schools in this place. To Mr. and Mrs. Breuer have been born eight children: Adina, the wife of Fred Stigge, resides in Danville township; Fred; Rhoda, married William Schluter, and lives in Burlington; Clarence, Elmer, and Malinda, at home with their parents; and two died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Breuer are valued members of the Salem Lutheran church, where for a number of years he was one of the trustees. Politically, Mr. Breuer acts independently, always voting for the man he thinks is best qualified for the office. He is well and favorably known throughout the community which claims him as a life-long resident. His business record is such as any man might be proud to possess; for starting out in life at an early age, he has steadily progressed in the business world, and to-day is classed among the respected farmers of worth and enterprise whose labors have been crowned with success.

FREDERICK GOTFRIED ERNST.

MR. ERNST, who has conducted an independent business enterprise in Burlington, Iowa, for a number of years past with uni-

form success, was born June 12, 1845, in the kingdom of Prussia, Germany, and was educated in the public schools of his native place. When fourteen years of age he left school, and began the life of a farmer, which he continued until his twentieth year, when he was drafted into the military service. Being slightly under the required height, however, he was not accepted for the army, and returned to other employments, among which was the trade of slate and tile roofing, which he learned. He had friends in America, living in Burlington, and on their representations came to Burlington in October, 1881, by the way of New York.

After arriving in this city Mr. Ernst was employed in a furniture factory for two and a half years, and thereafter took a position in the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad shops at West Burlington, remaining there for about four years. During the following five years he worked in a coffin factory in Burlington, and later entered the employ of the Burlington Lumber Company. It was while thus engaged that he met with an accident which changed in some measure the course of his life and materially altered his plans. While working on a high platform he accidentally lost his foothold, and fell to the ground, striking on his head, and sustaining a fracture of the skull and other injuries which confined him to the care of a hospital for six weeks. Previous to this time he had purchased the lot comprising three fourths of an acre, which he still owns, and he now used this on which to start a dairy business, buying nine cows and a wagon. About eighteen gallons of milk are handled daily, and under the careful management of Mr. Ernst the enterprise has proved at all times very profitable.

The political affiliation of Mr. Ernst is with the Republican party. He has been very active in the religious work of Burlington, being an active member of the German Baptist church, and having for a number of years acted as a teacher in its Sunday-school.

He has been twice married; first, on March 20, 1872, to Fredericka Bammel, daughter of Henry and Dorothy (Schutz) Bammel, and they had seven children, as follows: Ida A., who died at the age of nine weeks; Otto, who died at the age of nine months; Herman, now aged twenty-nine years, and engaged in farming; Minnie, who now resides in Colorado; Ida, who died at the age of nine months; Emma, who died Sept. 23, 1896, aged fourteen years; Martha, who died when only two days old; and one infant, which died unnamed on Feb. 9, 1886, at which time the death of the mother and wife also occurred.

Mr. Ernst remarried on Nov. 12, 1886, his second wife being Miss Dorothy Shulz, daughter of Frederick and Fredericka (Reike) Shulz. To Mr. and Mrs. Ernst have been born three children: Sarah, born Jan. 16, 1888, is a graduate of the public schools of Burlington, and for one year was an attendant at the city high school; Fred, born Oct. 16, 1891, is a student in the grammar school; and Dorothy, who died at the age of five months and three weeks.

Mrs. Ernst was born in Prussia, near Mieste, Dec. 18, 1859, and came to America in 1876 at the age of only sixteen years, and made the trip alone, her parents having come before. Her parents are now residing on Lemberger Street, Burlington, where the father has for five years lived in retirement. A number of years ago he purchased a farm near Kingston, ten miles from Burlington,

and this he still owns. Mr. and Mrs. Ernst reside on Sunnyside Street, Mr. Ernst having purchased the old Sunnyside school building and remodeled it so as to form a very pleasant home.

CHRIS WILLIAM MOEHLE.

CHRIS WILLIAM MOEHLE, a well-known and highly respected citizen of Yellow Springs township, was born in West Phalen, Germany, July 8, 1868. His parents were Gottlieb and Louisa (Brinkhoff) Moehle, and were prosperous tillers of the soil in the old country. After completing his education in his native city, he remained under the parental roof till he was seventeen years old, when he was seized with a strong desire to come to America. April 1, 1885, he came to Burlington, and was employed as a farm hand for a year, and then for two years was employed at Franklin Mill, when he went to Yellow Springs township, where he was also engaged by the month on several farms. In 1896 he bought seventy-four acres in Franklin township, where he previously lived for three years; also bought ten acres of timber in Benton township. The seventy-four acres he sold in 1899, and bought his present farm, retaining his timber land in Benton township.

In 1899, through his own personal efforts of industry and economy, he had the wherewith to purchase the farm of one hundred and twenty acres on which he resides. Forty acres of the hundred and twenty are in Section 32, and eighty acres are in Section 33. Among the improve-

ments that Mr. Moehle has made on his place is a new well, a wind-pump, and last, but not least, a good barn and a modern house. He has seventy-two hogs, several calves, and seventeen yearlings, and is engaged in general farming, in which he is most successful.

March 3, 1896, Mr. Moehle married Miss Lizzie Kline, daughter of Henry and Mary (Mauke) Kline, who was born Feb. 19, 1876, in West Phalen, Germany. They have two daughters: Marie, born Dec. 31, 1897; and Rose, born Aug. 2, 1901.

Politically, Mr. Moehle is an independent, voting for the man he considers best suited for office. He and his good wife are both attendants of the German Lutheran church. Mr. Moehle is a self-made man in the best sense of the term. Empty handed, he set out in the world determined to overcome the obstacles which he foresaw in his career, and with energy and ambition as his sole stock in trade. Failing to acquire the education he desired in his boyhood days, he has sought a fund of information by observation and reading, and thus has made himself a man of good judgment in the community. His manhood has been characterized by an integrity which has ever placed his business dealings above question.

DAVID EARNEST.

DAVID EARNEST, who in pioneer times became a resident of Des Moines county, and was identified with its agricultural interests up to the time of the Civil War, when he laid down his life on the altar of his

country, was born in Palmyra, Lebanon county, Pa., Sept. 15, 1815. It was in the month of June, 1846, that he arrived in this State, and took up his abode on a farm in Union township, Des Moines county, where his family has since resided.

Mr. Earnest was twice married. His first wife bore the maiden name of Caroline Seltzer, and was a native of Pennsylvania. There were four children of that marriage, of whom one daughter lived to reach womanhood and became the wife of Capt. E. J. Rizer, of Baltimore, Md. Her death occurred in June, 1888, and she is still survived by her husband and seven children. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Earnest was married to Miss Catherine Garman, also a native of Pennsylvania, whence she came to Iowa with her parents, Henry and Catherine Garman, in June, 1846. There were four children of the second marriage: Christopher and David, who were locomotive engineers in the railroad service, and both met death in a railway accident, the former on July 5, 1894, and the latter on Oct. 31, 1902; Mark B. and Charles G., who with their mother, are the only surviving members of the family, and continue to reside on the old homestead.

In his farming operations Mr. Earnest was active and energetic, and as the county emerged from pioneer conditions he kept pace with the universal progress in agricultural circles, and developed a good farm property. At the time of the Civil War, however, he put aside business considerations that he might aid his country, and enlisted as a private of Company E, Twenty-fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Bell. He died in the service at Memphis, Tenn., and was there buried. As a pioneer settler he was well known to many

of the early residents of the county. His family have remained in Union township upon the old homestead farm, where his sons are still successfully engaged in carrying on agricultural pursuits.

FREDERICK DONNER.

FREDERICK DONNER, a highly successful farmer of Huron township, Des Moines county, Iowa, was born in Ohio, March 25, 1835, the son of Peter Donner and Barbara (Naffzinger) Donner. When Frederick Donner was only two years of age, his parents moved to McLean county, Illinois, where his father owned a farm. The subject of our sketch spent his early years on this farm, receiving his education in the common schools of McLean county, and learning the work of agriculture by assisting on his father's farm. He made his home in Illinois until moving to Iowa in 1903.

In 1858, when our subject was twenty-three years of age, he was seized with a young man's restlessness and desire to see the world, and started by making a trip to Colorado; but the fever for change was soon allayed, and he did not stay long. Two years later, in 1860, he was married to Barbara Gingrich, daughter of John and Barbara (Garber) Gingrich, who has always proved a strong-hearted, earnest, worthy helpmeet for her husband, doing much to assist her husband in winning his present degree of success in life. About two years after our subject was married, he and his young wife decided that they were ready to make a home of their own, in new surroundings.

Accordingly they went to Woodford county, Illinois, where they bought one hundred and sixty acres of rich farming land. This was their home for twenty-five years.

Mr. and Mrs. Donner are the parents of nine children, three sons and six daughters: John M., born March 16, 1861; Mary Ellen, born Dec. 27, 1863, and now living in Colorado; Barbara Anna, born May 1, 1865, now the wife of Joseph Stucky, and living in Chenoa, Ill.; William, born March 30, 1868, married, March 15, 1905, Lena Mueller, of El Paso, Ill., and resides at Gridley, Ill.; Lydia, born June 1, 1870, was married May 27, 1903, to Simon Schultz, and lives in Gridley, Ill.; Emma, born Jan. 26, 1872, and now living at Fairbury, Ill.; Dena, born Feb. 5, 1873; Edward, born Feb. 19, 1875; and Sarah, born March 10, 1882. The three last named are living at home.

John M. Donner, the oldest son of our subject, left home at the age of nineteen, and commenced farming for himself. He farmed for two years, and then went to work as brakeman on the railroad. He contracted with the Wabash Company, and worked with that railway for eleven years, and then made the change to the Chicago & Eastern Illinois, working as brakeman. He was with this company only three months when he was killed by accident, the exact cause of his death never having been ascertained. He was married, February, 1891, to Miss Anna Theresa Fox, and at his death left, besides his wife, one little daughter, Estella.

In 1903, Frederick Donner and his wife decided that another move farther west would be advantageous to their interests, and accordingly, in January of that year,

they came to Des Moines county, Iowa. Here they bought one hundred and sixty acres of rich farming land in Section 8, Huron township, from Charles Winters, another two hundred acres in Section 5, from the widow Nunn, and also sixteen acres of timber in Section 3. This farm is of good arable land, well adapted to general farming, and is mostly under cultivation. Here Mr. and Mrs. Donner have made a home, and won many friends by their hospitality and sterling worth. They are earnest, faithful members of the Christian Apostolic church, and by their example make for the bettering of the community.

As a farmer Mr. Donner has been highly successful by reason of his business ability and his attitude toward opportunities, coupled with a sound judgment and keen foresight that have enabled him to carry his ventures to the desired issue; and as a man and a citizen he enjoys the general respect because of his honorable and upright methods in all matters in which he comes into contact with his fellow-men.

DAVID L. PORTLOCK.

ON the roll of her pioneers, those who have been her makers and builders, Des Moines county has long since accorded the name of David L. Portlock a high and honorable place. Within her borders he has passed nearly fourscore years of continuous residence, and at a time which is now far beyond the memory of the present generation, he courageously encountered and conquered here the hard conditions of life in



DAVID L. PORTLOCK AND WIFE.

a new land. He is now residing in Pleasant Grove township on his large and productive farm of one hundred and forty-five acres in Sections 11 and 2. Mr. Portlock was born in Rush county, Indiana, on the 4th day of January, 1825, a son of Barnard D. and Sara (Lyons) Portlock.

Barnard D. Portlock was a native of Barth county, Virginia, his birth occurring Dec. 24, 1794, from whence he removed to Indiana at an early period in the history of that State. In Indiana he followed the occupation of farming, and also worked at his trade as millwright and carpenter. He again came West in 1836, and became one of the very early pioneers of Iowa, locating at Burlington, where in his capacity of millwright he erected the first grist-mill in that city. There he resided until his death, which occurred Feb. 10, 1842. A Democrat in his political affiliation, he was a man of exceptional ability, and as such played a prominent part in the public affairs of his time. He early received appointment as justice of the peace, an office whose duties he capably discharged for a number of years. He held a captaincy in the Iowa State militia at the time of the trouble with Missouri over the boundary line between the two commonwealths. He was a member of the Baptist church, and during the time of his residence in Indiana was an elder of the church. His wife, who was also a member of the Baptist church, was born Aug. 20, 1808, in Franklin county, Indiana, and her demise occurred Nov. 11, 1852, in Pleasant Grove township, this county. She was the mother of eight children, four of whom survive, and of these our subject is the youngest, and the only one now residing in Des Moines county.

David L. Portlock began his education

in the schools of Rush county, Indiana, and in 1836, when but eleven years of age, removed with his parents to Burlington. There the father built a log house and established a home, and the boy continued his interrupted education in the only school which the town afforded at that time. That humble pioneer home, could it be our privilege to look upon it exactly as it was, would present many points of striking difference from the palatial mansions of the city to-day. The house was made of logs, the old-fashioned fireplace of stone, roughly pieced together, while the huge chimney was constructed of sod. The sod was cut into squares, and these piled one upon another to the required height; and while the home may have lacked many of the comforts that we now enjoy, the song of the sparks and flames leaping from the wide fireplace up the great chimney on a winter's day was one of encouragement and good cheer not without its value.

After leaving school Mr. Portlock was employed by his father for some time, but in 1842 began farming in Pleasant Grove township, purchasing a few acres of land south of the village of Pleasant Grove, where he farmed and worked as a carpenter. As soon as he had, in this manner, saved sufficient capital, he entered forty acres north of the village, but lived at the village for a few years. He then removed to his farm in the northern part of the township, to which he added by subsequent purchases until he was the owner of one hundred and forty acres, and he made that the place of his residence during a number of years. About the year 1863 he purchased his present holdings, where he has ever since resided. He has greatly improved the farm, and during the active period of his life en-

gaged in general farming and the usual stock-raising with signal success. At the present time he is retired from active work, leading a life of quietness and ease, and enjoying the rewards of a long, honorable, and useful career.

At Pleasant Grove, in the month of October, 1849, Mr. Portlock was united in bonds of holy matrimony to Miss Elizabeth Fleenor, daughter of Isaac and Lydia (Fleenor) Fleenor. Mr. Fleenor was a pioneer of this section, coming to Iowa in 1836, and locating on a farm in Pleasant Grove township, where he was successful, and also became one of the prominent figures of his day. He died at his farm home at an advanced age. Mrs. Portlock is also now deceased, her death having occurred at the family home, Nov. 8, 1902. She was the mother of seven children, of whom the two eldest, which were twins, died at birth, and those living are as follows: Lydia, who married Charles Kemry, a farmer of this township, and now residing with our subject, and has four children, Walter F., David, Bertha, and Iva; Clarissa, who is the wife of Henry Beckman, a retired farmer of New London, Iowa, has seven children, Mary, Effie, Anna, Verdon, Lee, Henry, Clara; Sarah, who is the wife of John L. Jones, of Roscoe, this county, has four children, Ralph, Laura, Gertrude, and Detlef; Verdon, who is now a retired farmer residing at New London, Iowa, married Miss Maggie Ritchey, by whom he has two children, Anna and Grace; Elzora, wife of William Wallman, is engaged in farming in Missouri.

Mr. Portlock is a member of the Christian church, in whose work he was formerly very active, and for many years he held the office of elder. The Christian de-

nomination was at one time the most numerous and flourishing in this vicinity, the membership numbering at its maximum one hundred and thirty-one; but many of them have died, while others have moved away, so that Mr. Portlock is the only one of all these now left. He has also been prominently connected with public life, and as a member of the Democratic party has been honored by election to almost all the offices within the gift of the people of his township. For a period of about ten years he held the office of justice of the peace, and by reason of his reputation for fairness and absolute impartiality, his court was resorted to for the trial and determination of a great many important cases at law. He was also appointed county supervisor to fill an unexpired term, and at the termination of his regular period of service was elected to that office, which he continued to occupy for a further three years. At the time of the Civil War he received appointment as deputy provost marshal, and served in that capacity throughout the course of the war. He is widely known throughout Des Moines county, enjoys the warm and sincere regard of a host of friends, and by virtue of his upright and stainless life and character commands the respect of all.

RHEINHART HERZOG.

For long years Reinhart Herzog has been a prominent and enterprising farmer of Flint River township and a citizen whose honorable life and upright career has gained for him the good-will and respect of all the community in which he moves.

He is a son of George and Anna (Stat-

tlar) Herzog, and was born in Baden, Germany, July 2, 1844. After taking a course in the graded schools where he was born, he at once entered a large brewery, and learned the business, which he followed for a number of years. Thinking there might be a broader field of opportunities in America for him, he came to Hamilton, Ohio, in 1868, where he remained two years, after which he came to Peoria, Ill., making his home there for three years, and later was in Pekin, Ill., till 1893. In each of these cities he was employed in large breweries and malt houses. Coming to Des Moines county in 1893 our subject decided to purchase land and try his fortune as an agriculturist. He bought one hundred and sixty acres of farm land in Flint River township on Sections 16 and 21. This venture proved to be a good one, for during this time he has carried on general farming and stock-raising with gratifying success.

Mr. Herzog married Miss Grace Francis Sherf, June 3, 1876, the year of the great Centennial in Philadelphia. Mrs. Herzog is a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Bach) Sherf, and was born Aug. 14, 1849, in or near Louderback, Germany. She came to America with her parents when a mere child of three and a half years. They settled in Beloit, Wis., later moving to Peoria, Ill., where they both passed away, the father in 1864, and the mother in 1900. They were the parents of the following seven children, who are all living: Charles; Andrew; Josephine; Marcus; Francis, wife of our subject; Ella; and Sebastian.

Mr. and Mrs. Herzog have been blessed with nine children: Rudolph, of Centralia, Ill., born April 29, 1877, engineer on the Illinois Central Railroad; Hattie, born Dec. 19, 1881, learning to be a Sister of Mercy

in a convent at Leavenworth, Kans.; Anna, born Oct. 25, 1883, a resident of Burlington, Iowa; Ella, born Nov. 10, 1885, employed in a bakery at Leadville, Colo.; Victoria, born July 3, 1887, at home; Wilhelmina, born June 22, 1892, with her parents; Richard, born June 11, 1896, on the farm; John, born Nov. 18, 1880, died Dec. 31, 1880; Rheinhardt, Jr., died at the age of five months. These seven living children all received good common-school educations, the younger ones attending the Prairie Grove school in their own district.

Politically, Mr. Herzog is a strong Republican. He has ever been active in the support of the principles in which he believes, but has no aspirations in the direction of office-holding. By reason of his large success, his unblemished character, his just and liberal life, and the universal esteem which he here enjoys, Mr. Herzog might, without invidious distinction, be called one of the foremost men of his township.

JAMES KILLOUGH.

JAMES KILLOUGH, one of the old and honored citizens and successful farmers of Yellow Springs township, is known as a reliable business man, industrious, ambitious, and progressive. He was born in Preble county, Ohio, Aug. 15, 1832, his parents being William and Jane (Nicol) Killough. The father died in Ohio at the age of forty-eight years, and the mother afterward came to Iowa with her son, James, her death occurring in this State when she was fifty-nine years of age. William Killough was a native of South Carolina, and his wife of the Buckeye

State. They were the parents of five children: Sarah Jane, who acts as housekeeper for her brother James; Mary Ann, the deceased wife of William Reid; Rebecca, the wife of W. W. Stetson, State superintendent of schools, and resides at Auburn, Me.; William, who died at the age of five years; and James, the eldest of the family.

In the early subscription and public schools of his native county James Killough pursued his education, and in the periods of vacation he worked upon the home farm. He took his place in the fields almost as soon as old enough to handle the plow, and gradually more and more of the work of the farm was entrusted to him, so that he gained broad, practical experience in the best methods of caring for the land and producing crops. He came to Iowa in the fall of 1851, locating first in Louisa county, where he lived for a brief period. About 1854 he purchased eighty acres of farm land and ten acres of timber land in Des Moines county. He put all of the improvements upon that property, erecting a modern brick house, good barns, and other buildings, and the land was brought to its present condition of high cultivation through his efforts. Mr. Killough is also engaged in raising cattle to some extent, and keeps about sixty head of hogs each year. He has at two different times taken stock in threshing machines which have operated throughout the neighborhood. In all of the farm work he is practical and progressive, and his carefully directed labor, sound business judgment, and unfaltering perseverance have been the strong elements in his success.

Mr. Killough is a member of the Reformed Presbyterian church, and is true to its teachings and faith. He has never married, and his sister acts as his housekeeper. They have adopted and reared several children: Alfred Killough, who was born in Boston, Mass., Dec. 5, 1864, and is now an enterprising agriculturist, operating the old home farm; Eva, a native of Allegheny City, Pa., born Jan. 4, 1879, and is a trained nurse in the city of Burlington, but still makes her home at the farm; William, born in Allegheny City, Pa., Feb. 28, 1881, and now in Logan & Graig's wholesale hardware store in Allegheny City, Pa. Harry, Sadie, and Charles were also adopted into the home of Mr. and Miss Killough. The last named is now deceased, and after several years the others returned to their people in Allegheny City, where Sadie is now engaged in dressmaking. Harry at this time is a member of the regular army, stationed at Fort Worth, Kans. William was a volunteer of the Spanish-American war, enlisting June 25, 1898, as a member of Company C, Fiftieth Iowa Infantry. He was taken ill in camp at Jacksonville; and returning home, he afterward entered Elliott's business college, of Burlington, and was thus prepared for the practical duties of a business life.

JOHN B. LINES.

ONE of the younger agriculturists of Des Moines county, a man who has won prominence in the political as well as the social and business affairs of the county, is John B. Lines, of Franklin township.

John Barclay Lines, son of Allison and Elizabeth (Bishop) Lines, is a native son of Franklin township, being born there April 5, 1868. In boyhood he attended the public schools of the township, and being reared on a farm, learned the stern lessons of farm life at the same time. Always recognizing the many advantages of the free life of a farmer, as well as the less pleasant side of the hard work, he has chosen to follow that vocation for his life work.

At the age of twenty-one years he left the parental roof-tree, and started to fight the hard battle of life for himself. For the first six months he engaged as a farm hand, working by the month; and during the remainder of the year he found employment as a day laborer.

On Dec. 18, 1890, the year following his majority, he was united in marriage to Miss Margaret May Herrill, of West Burlington. She was a daughter of Anderson and Charlotte (Davis) Herrill, being born in Flint River township, this county, Nov. 12, 1867. Her mother died when she was only eight years of age, and her father when she was eleven years old, both parents being buried in Flint River township. She received part of her education in the public schools of Flint River township, making her home with a brother after the death of her parents. When thirteen years of age she went with an old-time friend of the family to Yellow Springs township, finishing her education in the public schools of that township, and making her home with this friend until she reached years of maturity.

Mr. and Mrs. Lines became the parents of six children, as follows: Grace, born May 5, 1892, died Sept. 19, of the same year; Clyde Allison, born May 13, 1893; Luella and Estella, twins, born Aug. 6, 1895; Port

Leroy, born Dec. 22, 1899; and Charlotte, born Jan. 22, 1903.

Immediately after his marriage, in December, 1890, Mr. Lines began farming for himself. At first he rented a farm, it being the same place which he now owns, and on which he lives. At that time he remained on the place for two years; after which time he rented another farm two miles farther north, living on it for about three years. At the expiration of that time he bought his present farm in Section 16, Franklin township. He has forty acres of fine fertile land devoted to general farming, all except about eight acres being under cultivation. He has put a portion of the improvements on his farm, and now has a cozy and comfortable home, and a well-improved, thoroughly cultivated farm.

Mr. Lines was brought up in the Baptist church, and has always had a strong sympathy for work done by that denomination. Politically he has affiliated himself with the Republican party, whose principles he considers most closely represent his ideal of a popular government. He has been a loyal and efficient worker for his party, and has served it in several capacities. He was elected clerk for Franklin township in 1896, and in 1898 the citizens of the township showed the esteem and confidence in which they held him by bestowing upon him the highest gift in the way of political preferment that was in their power to bestow, electing him township trustee. He served with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents, and in 1902 was appointed to this same office, to fill a vacancy. In 1903 he was again elected trustee, and is still filling this responsible position, his present term expiring in the autumn of 1906.

Although still a young man, Mr. Lines

has won a position of prominence in the community that testifies to unusual business sagacity and political insight, as well as to the qualities of sterling integrity and upright manhood that have made his name a synonym for worthy citizen and staunch friend among all who know him.

GEORGE JENKINS.

GEORGE JENKINS has a notable military record, embracing service in the Civil War and against the Indians; and he also attempted to become an advocate of the country's interests in the Spanish-American War, but his advanced years precluded his acceptance. He was born in Pulaski county, Kentucky, Oct. 9, 1836, his parents being John and Sallie (Whitson) Jenkins. In the place of his nativity he spent his early youth, and acquired his education in the subscription schools. The sessions, however, lasted for only about three months in the year. In 1855 he came to Des Moines county, Iowa, settling in Franklin township, where he carried on farming until Oct. 2, 1861. His patriotic spirit having been aroused, he responded to the call of his country on that date, and became a member of Company C, Fourteenth Iowa Infantry, enlisting at Burlington under command of Captain Shannon. He joined the army for three years, but at the end of a year and a half became ill, and was sent to the hospital at Fort Reynolds, in northwestern Dakota, where he was honorably discharged May 25, 1863. His company, with two others of the first battalion, was detailed in Dakota to fight the Indians, and had several hotly contested battles with the red men.

When Mr. Jenkins entered the army, he weighed one hundred and eighty-six pounds; but the rigors and hardships of war undermined his strong constitution, and his health became impaired. He was a non-commissioned officer in the early days of his service. Following his return home he raised one company of militia, and had them well drilled; but the war closing, they did not enter the service.

Returning to Franklin township he resumed farming pursuits here. April 10, 1865, Mr. Jenkins was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Jane Bradley, a daughter of Aaron and Elvira (Adnik) Bradley, and a native of Pulaski county, Kentucky, born July 14, 1843. She came to Des Moines county at the same time her future husband arrived here. For about three years they lived in Franklin township, and then removed to Yellow Springs township, where they resided for a long period. Her father's death occurred there in the fall of 1866, when he was forty-four years of age; and her mother passed away in Sheridan, Iowa, in February, 1904, at the age of eighty-one years.

Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins became the parents of four daughters: Cora Belle, the wife of George Dimick, of Oklahoma; Ollie, the wife of Newton Reiker, of Warren county, Missouri; Julia, the wife of James Brown, who is living in Washington, Iowa; and Jennie, the wife of William Essmann, who was formerly proprietor of the Heyer House, one of the hotels of Burlington, but sold out in the spring of 1905, and removed to Chicago.

Politically, Mr. Jenkins is a straight Republican, never faltering in his allegiance to the party. He has, however, continually refused to become a candidate for office.

and when elected justice of the peace in 1905, would not qualify. He is a member of Post No. 157, Grand Army of the Republic, at Mediapolis, and takes great interest in the organization whereby he maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades, spending many an hour at its campfires. He had many hairbreadth escapes while in the West, and relates many interesting incidents concerning his encounters with the red men.

Throughout his business career he followed the occupation of farming. Patriotism is his predominant characteristic, and his example of loyalty to his country might well be followed. He is always the champion of its interests and institutions, and has never been known to falter in his allegiance to the stars and stripes, either upon the field of battle or in the days of peace.

SMITH H. JACKSON.

SMITH H. JACKSON, one of the most extensive farmers of Franklin township, operating three hundred acres, and engaged in raising and dealing in horses, cattle, and hogs, was born Nov. 6, 1862, in Franklin township, within the borders of which he still makes his home. His parents were Edward and Abigail (Chase) Jackson, natives of Pennsylvania and New York, respectively, and with his parents the father came to this State in 1842, the family home being established on a farm on Section 14, Franklin township, which the grandfather, William Andrew Jackson, purchased, and on which he and his wife, Jerusha, lived until called to their final rest. Edward

Jackson received his share of the home farm, thus becoming owner of sixty acres, whereon he resided until his death. His wife passed away in November, 1875, and he survived until May 8, 1899.

Smith H. Jackson was reared in the usual manner of farm lads of the period, acquiring his education in the public schools, and gaining an intimate knowledge of the best methods of farming from the instruction of his father and the experience which he received in the work of the fields. He continued upon the home farm until 1898, when he removed to his present place of residence on the John McCullough farm of two hundred and forty acres, of which two hundred acres are in cultivation. Here he cultivates corn and oats, and is also engaged quite extensively in raising and breeding horses, cattle, and hogs. He still owns and operates the home place of sixty acres, and in addition he has ten acres of timber land. He is practical and progressive in all his farm work, and is meeting with creditable success in his undertakings.

Nov. 6, 1888, Mr. Jackson was united in marriage to Ida B. Guelick, who was born in Burlington, Iowa, and is a daughter of Lee and Nancy (Gregory) Guelick. The children of this marriage are four in number: Burr, born Nov. 19, 1889; Inez, born Jan. 27, 1896; Nellie, born May 7, 1900; and Horace, born Aug. 24, 1902, all at home. The parents are faithful members of the Baptist church, of Sperry, and Mr. Jackson is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. In his political views he is a Democrat, and while he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, as every true

American citizen should do, he has never sought or desired office, for he considers his business interests abundantly worthy of his best efforts, and in the careful conduct of his farm work and stock-raising he is meeting with gratifying success.

JACOB CHRISTIAN WERTZ.

JACOB CHRISTIAN WERTZ, a highly respected farmer of Flint River township, is a native of Des Moines county, being born in the city of Burlington, Iowa, Dec. 29, 1853. He attended a German school for one winter. When at the age of six years his parents moved to Union township, where he attended the district schools and later finished his education in the grammar schools in the city of his birth, boarding with a relative, Mr. G. H. Bicklen. He has followed general farming and truck-gardening all his life, at which he has been very successful. In 1892 he bought ninety-six acres of land in Flint River township, upon which he has a farm and nursery, besides raising all kinds of small fruits.

Feb. 6, 1882, Mr. Wertz married Miss Elizabeth Heckenberg, daughter of Herman and Ann (Schmeil) Heckenberg. They are the happy parents of eight children: Bertha, Clara, Lydia, Lillie, Olva, Laura, Alma, and Esther, all at home except the two oldest, who work in Burlington.

Politically, Mr. Wertz is a straight Republican, but does not care to hold any office in the hands of his party. He has made all of the improvements on his farm from time to time, and is just now com-

pleting a large new barn 30 x 42 feet, and also a neat cottage of four rooms for a residence.

He is a man of much energy and enterprise, being deeply interested in the welfare of his township; he is a man who never takes advantage of the necessities of his fellow-men, and lives day by day in the hope of rounding out a life well begun, and one worthy of the emulation of all.

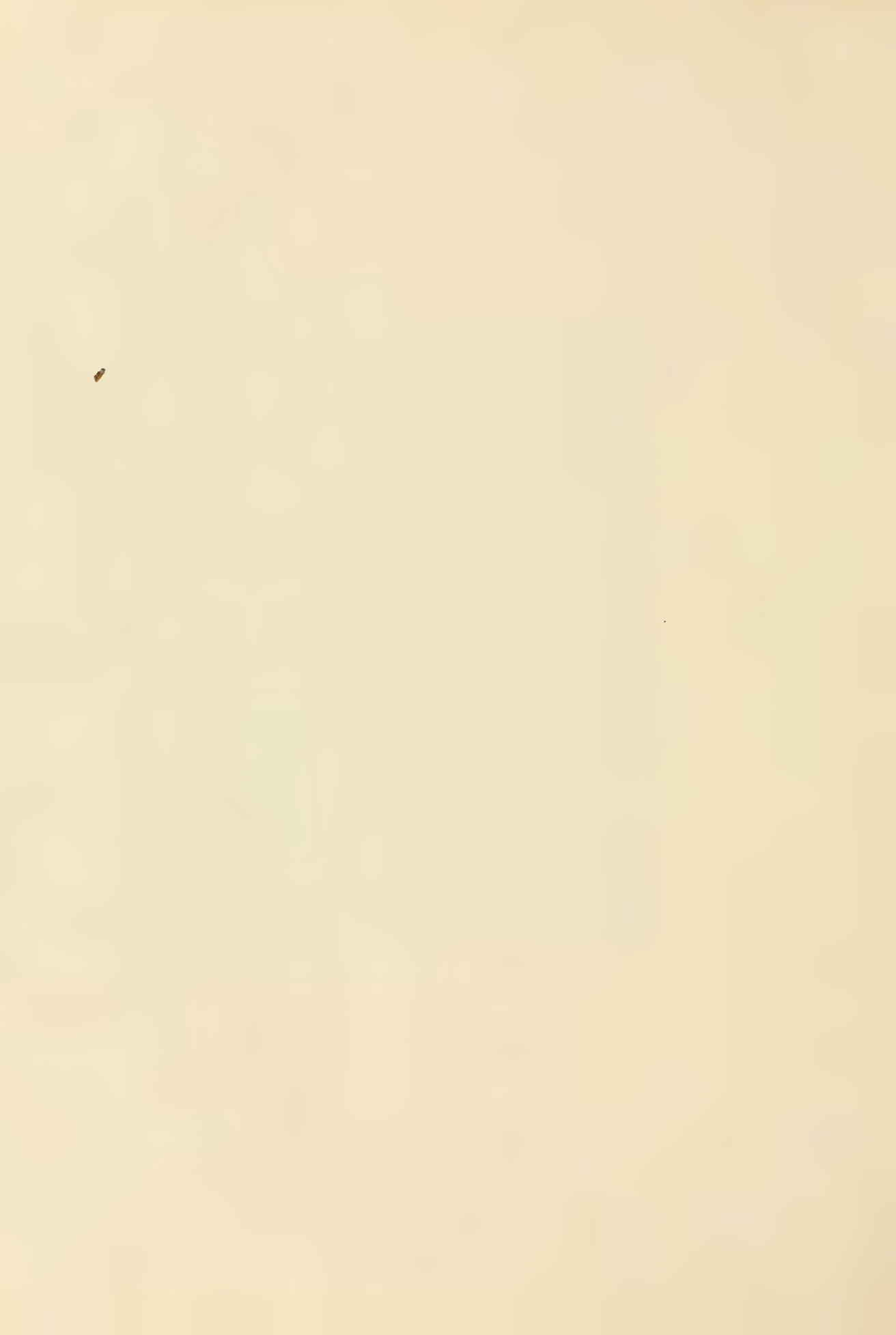
ALBRECHT STIEFEL.

IN this enlightened age, when men of energy and merit are rapidly pushing their way to the front, those who, by their own individual efforts, have won favor and fortune, may properly claim recognition. Mr. Stiefel is a worthy representative of this class. He is the proprietor of an establishment where all kinds of steel and iron articles can be repaired and sharpened. He has mastered the business in its various departments and gained advancement as he displayed ability and energy.

He is the son of Christof and Elizabeth (Schwartz) Stiefel, and was born in Gros, Altorf, Wurtemberg, Germany, Nov. 18, 1840. Reared under the parental roof he acquired his education in the public schools of the Fatherland in accordance with the laws of that country. He afterward entered upon an apprenticeship to the steel cutler's trade, and completed the term of four years, becoming an excellent workman, with a thorough understanding of the business in every department,—making keys, knives, and all kinds of edge tools, and doing the repairing of the same. He worked at his trade till he was twenty-six



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years of age; and hoping he might find better openings for business in this country, he crossed the Atlantic to the New World, and from the Atlantic Coast he at once proceeded to Bristol; Conn., where he had a sister living, and with whom he remained for three months. He next spent one summer with a brother, who was a prosperous farmer in Henderson County, Illinois. In April, 1866, he came to Burlington and located permanently, first being employed for a year in a wagon shop. He then started in business for himself, doing all kinds of light grinding, filing of saws, sharpening scissors, knives, and making various tools. His place of business at this time was on North Main Street in a stone-cutting shop, where he tempered and sharpened all their tools. After this Mr. Stiefel occupied different rooms on West Jefferson Street, in each place always having enough work to keep him busy from early morn till late at night. In 1899 he moved to 709 Jefferson Street, where he is now located at this writing. His work is all of the best class, doing the most of it himself, and his judgment can always be relied upon.

In February, 1869, Mr. Stiefel wedded Miss Louisa Lee, of Burlington, who was born in New York.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Stiefel four children have been born: Nellie, who married L. Simmon, a shipping clerk at the Burlington Lumber Company. They have a beautiful home on Arch Street, Burlington, Iowa; Lulu, with her parents, who is an artist of considerable ability, doing all kinds of painting in oil colors; Albert, of Arkansas; Reuben, at home, and a popular clerk in Beckman's dry-goods store. Mr. Stiefel is a Republican, believing firmly in the principles of the party and their adapta-

bility to the best good of the State and nation. Mr. and Mrs. Stiefel are both highly respected, and devoted members of the German Methodist church, and are among the most regular attendants. Mrs. Stiefel also takes an active part in the Ladies' Society of this church, sparing neither time nor strength to promote its prosperity.

There is probably no man in the city who has lived a more quiet and regular life than has our subject. One might well say that regularity has been a part of his religion, and that to this one trait he owes much of his success. The entire career of Mr. Stiefel is illustrative of the fact that certain results are obtained through certain actions—that industry and perseverance, guided by sound judgment, always win prosperity in the land of the free, where labor is not hampered by caste or class. Mr. Stiefel's pleasant home is located at 827 Arch Street.

JOSHUA FARIS.

JOSHUA FARIS is one of the prominent and highly respected farmers of Des Moines county, and his home in Yellow Springs township is the center of a refined and cultured social circle. There are many elements in his life record that are worthy of emulation. His business career has been characterized by honorable and straightforward methods, and in all life's relations he has been actuated by high and worthy principles. Mr. Faris was born in Washington county, Indiana, April 25, 1835, his parents being Isaac and Margaret (McIntyre) Faris. The father was a brick- and stone-mason by trade, and came to Iowa in 1856, locating in Yellow Springs township, where he

bought one hundred and sixty acres of land in Section 8, which was later sold; and also one hundred and sixty acres in Section 17, which is now owned by John Lane and John Mehaffy.

Joshua Faris was reared under the parental roof, and received a good education in the free schools of his native county. After coming to Iowa with his parents he remained on his father's farm for some years. In 1875 he bought one hundred and eighty acres of rich farm land from the late William Lynch, where he has since resided. This farm is considered one of the very best in the county. It is well tilled, and the greater part of it is under cultivation, both field and meadow yielding abundantly. Whatever Mr. Faris undertakes he does with his might and main, which is well substantiated by the methodical manner in which he plans and works. His home is a comfortable one, and his stock is also well cared for. He is engaged in general farming, and is also interested to some extent in stock-raising, raising about fifty head of hogs annually, as well as feeding two car-loads of fine cattle a year. Besides this beautiful home, Mr. Faris owns twenty acres of timber land in Wapello township, Louisa county, Iowa, and Mrs. Faris owns eighty acres in Yellow Springs township, forty of which are in Section 20 and forty in Section 21. It is recorded in the name of Mrs. Nancy Faris, she renting it.

Mr. and Mrs. Faris were married Jan. 16, 1866, Mrs. Faris being in maidenhood Miss Nancy Mehaffy, a daughter of William and Mary (Irwin) Mehaffy. As time passed, ten children were added to this household, of whom five are living: Etta, married Peter Walker; William Isaac, lives in North Dakota; Ida Minnie, at home; Ida

Blanche, a twin to Ida Minnie, is the wife of J. P. Beard, and lives northeast of Linton, Iowa; Maggie Jennie, died at the age of fourteen years; John Cameron, at home; Ralph Howard, died when two years of age; John Irwin, died when seventeen months old; Margaret Jane, died aged two years; and an unnamed infant, also deceased. These children, of whom their parents are justly proud, were all born in Yellow Springs township, and attended the Reformed Presbyterian church, of which Mr. and Mrs. Faris are members and liberal supporters.

He has ever stood shoulder to shoulder with all men who were strong advocates of high and noble principles, and his daily life has grandly exemplified this assertion. Being of a sunny and bright disposition, one would scarcely think him to be a man who has passed his threescore years and ten, and his general activity is equaled by few.

LEE R. SHERRILL.

A young and rising business man, energetic and typical of twentieth-century push and aggressiveness in business, is Lee R. Sherrill, secretary and manager of the Sherrill-Moore Electric Company, and secretary, manager, and director of the Model Electric Company, of Burlington, Iowa. Mr. Sherrill was born Feb. 2, 1881, in Schuyler county, Illinois, son of John Sherrill, who was born in Virginia, Ill., and Laura (Price) Sherrill, who is a native of the same place and of Pennsylvania parentage. He is the third of four sons, of whom the others, W. H., George, and John, Jr., are all farmers living in Illinois. The grand-

father, John Sherrill, was a soldier of the Civil War, and died on a river transport of yellow fever. The paternal grandmother, who was of French nationality, is still living at the age of ninety years.

Mr. Sherrill's first years were devoted to the work of the farm and to securing his preliminary education in the district schools, and the first employment which brought him a cash return was the selling of newspapers in the town of Cuba, Fulton county, Ill., where he enjoyed a monopoly of that business. In 1896 the parents and family removed to Burlington, and here for a year the father was proprietor of the "American" restaurant, located on South Main Street, where the Dunn hotel now stands. Later he led a retired life during six years, at the expiration of which period he returned to the farm in Illinois, where both parents are still living. After completing his common-school education our subject pursued a correspondence course of study in electricity in the International Correspondence Schools, and in Burlington he entered the employ of the street railway company as a curve greaser. Later he was promoted to the shops, where he was first an oiler in the dynamo room, and later engaged in construction and repair work for the same company, in whose service he remained for six years, thus gaining a large and valuable practical knowledge in addition to his theoretical training in electricity. The company by which he was employed is that variously known under the names of the People's Gas and Electric Company, the Burlington Street Railway Company, the Burlington Electric Light Company, the Burlington Gas Light and Fuel Company, and the Burlington Steam Heating Company.

With the knowledge and experience of electrical machinery and engineering thus acquired, and desiring to establish himself in business, he became associated with Dr. J. J. Little, under the firm style of L. R. Sherrill & Company, in April, 1902, he being made manager of the company; and in July of that year the business was incorporated under the name of the Sherrill-Moore Electric Company, with Dr. J. J. Little as president; J. F. Barr, vice-president; H. A. Moore, manager; and Mr. Sherrill, secretary. The interest of Mr. Moore has since been purchased by Mr. Sherrill, and the firm is now doing a large general retail, repairing, and construction business in this city and surrounding territory. In July, 1904, the Model Electric Company was incorporated with the following officers: President, J. J. Little; secretary-treasurer, L. R. Sherrill. This company is engaged in wholesale dealing in supplies and the manufacture of telephones. Since Oct. 1, 1904, the two concerns have been conducted jointly at 204 North Main Street, where an average of ten skilled workmen are employed, while two traveling representatives are maintained in the interest of the business and of certain patented specialties.

Mr. Sherrill recently distinguished himself in a situation calling for remarkable forethought and presence of mind, and was at the same time able to perform a highly valuable service for a number of persons. He happened to be riding on a street car, and at the steep incline on Valley Street the car got so far beyond control that the motorman, in fear of his life, jumped off, followed by several passengers. Mr. Sherrill, however, sprang to the rear end of the car, with the intention of checking the

speed of the car, but finding the brakes broken, he returned to his seat, and by holding a number of women, prevented them from jumping off the car, and undoubtedly receiving serious injury, a feat which won for him the gratitude and praise of the street railway company and of those who witnessed the deed. Certainly his expert knowledge of the management of street cars stood him in excellent stead at that critical time. Mr. Sherrill has many friends, and has fraternal relations with Iowa Camp, No. 98, Modern Woodmen of America, in which he is an active member. He is an enthusiastic advocate of Democratic principles, and is constantly active in the work of that party, in which his unusual talents are recognized, for he holds the position of committeeman for the Fourth Ward. As a young man who has made his way in the world independently by native resources and by a determined attitude toward his work, he has won the admiration of all. He has achieved a very gratifying measure of success, and if the past be a criterion of prophecy, is destined to occupy a prominent place in the business and public life of Burlington.

HENRY WILLIAM PIEPER.

ONE of the most industrious and enterprising farmers of Flint River township, who was born and raised on the farm which he now owns, and on which he also resided since his birth, is Henry William Pieper. He is a son of Herman Henry and Wilhelmina (Westerbeck) Pieper, and was born June 21, 1859. The father died when our subject was only

eight years old, and his mother passed away April 1, 1900, aged seventy-six years. Henry William received all of his education in the district school of his native township, and as soon as he laid aside his text-books he at once proceeded to take up farming, so as to aid his widowed mother. His farm consists of sixty-eight acres on Section 9, most of which he has under cultivation. Mr. Pieper carries on general farming, at which he has been most successful. He now has two good horses, nine head of cattle, and raises from fifteen to thirty fat hogs annually.

May 15, 1895, Mr. Pieper married Miss Anna Hobesiefken, daughter of Rankie Hobesiefken. This union was blessed with two children, both of whom died in infancy. Mr. Pieper has passed through deep sorrow, as his beloved wife died when they had been married only five years. Her death occurred April 19, 1900, only a little over two weeks after his aged mother. This left him alone on the home place. The next three years his two nieces, Sarah and Minnie Brandmeier, lived with him and kept house for him. Since then he has lived alone, doing all of his own cooking and housekeeping and all of the farm work.

Politically, he is a Republican, but generally casts his vote for the man best qualified for office, and has never aspired to hold office himself. He is a member of the Swedenborgian church. During this long continuous residence of forty-six years Mr. Pieper has witnessed many changes both in the county and in the people. Flint River township, at the time of his birth, was considered by some as the "jumping off place," it presented such a

wild and desolate appearance, having only a field here and there under cultivation. Log cabins and small two-roomed buildings served as the houses, and the oxen were the beasts of toil, drawing the plough and the wagon when travel was necessary. To-day this township is thickly settled by a thrifty class of Germans, who all own large farms, and have hundreds and hundreds of acres under cultivation, yielding annually thousands of bushels of golden grain; and who have erected modern houses and well-built barns. These, together with the miles of good roads and numerous bridges, all tend to make it one of the prettiest valleys in the county.

Our subject, though still a young man, has seen the majority of the original farmers pass away and other new comers fill their places. His own farm is known to all as an old-time landmark; and were it to change hands to-morrow, it probably would go for years by the name of the Pieper place. Mr. Pieper's motto has ever been, "Upward and onward." His career has been a busy one, as well as one of good deeds.

JACOB ROBERT NORDSTROM.

JACOB ROBERT NORDSTROM, for many years connected with industrial interests in Mediapolis, and also a factor in financial circles, being a director in the Mediapolis State Bank, is one of the most influential Swedish-American citizens of this place, and has done much to assist his fellow-countrymen in founding homes in this part of the State. He has likewise

contributed to the general welfare along many progressive lines, and justly deserves representation in the BIOGRAPHICAL REVIEW OF DES MOINES COUNTY.

He was born in Sweden, Feb. 19, 1845, his parents being Calos Peter and Helen Sophia (Hulmgren) Nordstrom. His education was acquired in the public schools of his native country, and later he learned the paper-making trade, which he followed for four and a half years, when he began learning the blacksmith's trade under the direction of his father. He followed that pursuit in Sweden until 1868, when, becoming convinced that the New World offered better business opportunities, he crossed the Atlantic to New York city, whence he made his way direct to Burlington. After a short time there, he went to St. Joseph, Mo., where he spent two years; but he always regarded Des Moines county as his home, and on the expiration of that period returned to Burlington, purchasing a shop at Northfield, where he lived for about seventeen years.

On selling out there he came to Mediapolis, and entered into partnership with Frank Nelson, building the shop now conducted by his son. This was in 1890, and for seven years he was associated in the business with Mr. Nelson, at the end of which time he disposed of his interest to his partner, and has since lived retired. He is, however, financially interested in the Mediapolis State Bank, of which he was one of the organizers, associated in this movement with William Harper and others. On its organization he was elected one of the directors, and has been thus engaged with the institution to the present time, while his son, Emil Robert, is now assistant cashier of the bank. In

1890 Mr. Nordstrom purchased his present residence property located on Main Street, which constitutes a very commodious and comfortable home.

In September, 1870, Mr. Nordstrom was united in marriage to Miss Johanna Caroline Munson, a daughter of Magnus Munson. They have become the parents of five children: Albert Edward, who is now engaged in the carriage-making and blacksmithing business in Mediapolis, having learned the trade from his father; Emil Robert, of the Mediapolis State Bank; Oscar Leonard, a graduate of the college at Rock Island, Ill.; Mamie Otelia, at home; and Verner Emanuel, who completes the family.

Mr. Nordstrom was elected school director of Northfield, and has also been called to the same office in Mediapolis, acting in both places for three years. He was likewise elected and served for three years as councilman, and is interested in every measure that tends to advance the general welfare along material, social, and intellectual lines. He is specially interested in church work, contributes generously to its support, and co-operates in various church activities of the Swedish Lutheran denomination. A man of fine character and genuine worth, he has lived an industrious, enterprising life, in which he has manifested good financial ability and keen discernment. His labors have been crowned with a gratifying measure of success, but more than that he has won the esteem and trust of his fellow-men, and his friendship is valued by those who have won his personal regard. His efforts in behalf of his countrymen have been far-reaching and beneficial, and in a review of his history we are again im-

pressed with the verity of the statement that "Sweden is the home of the honest man."

WILLIAM SCHULZ.

WILLIAM SCHULZ, who has lived and farmed in Flint River township for the past nine years, where he is a highly respected citizen, is a son of Fred and Anna Mary Elizabeth (Anholz) Schulz. He was born in Prussia, Germany, Feb. 11, 1870. His father was a substantial farmer, and a shoemaker by trade, and our subject was reared on the home place, attending the public schools there when his parents could spare him, during the winter and spring months.

In 1886 he came across the Atlantic to the "home of the free and the land of the brave," and located in Burlington. Being only about sixteen years old at this time, he was employed by various farmers of the surrounding country as a farm hand by the year. During these years he was enabled to accumulate a little of this world's goods, so that in 1896 he could begin farming for himself, and at once purchased eighty acres of land in Flint River township. When he took up his residence on this place there were very few improvements on it, but Mr. Schulz has added the necessary buildings for his stock and grain as time has permitted. He raises cattle and hogs, and carries on general farming.

April 29, 1896, the same year he moved onto his farm, he married Miss Mary Minnie Miller, daughter of William and Dorothy (Schulz) Miller. She was born in Flint River township, Feb. 2, 1878, and received her education in the district schools of the same place. Her parents were highly hon-

ored and well-to-do farmers. Mr. Miller's sketch may be found elsewhere in this book.

Mr. and Mrs. Schulz have been blessed with four children, namely: Anna, born March 13, 1897; Mary, born Sept. 28, 1899; Bertha, born Nov. 11, 1900; William, born May 3, 1898, died Nov. 13, 1902. Our subject and his wife are devoted members of the German Lutheran church, where they take much pleasure in the duties devolving on them. Politically, he is a strong Republican, and has always been ready to assist his party in any way, but has never aspired to office. Although he is a man of only thirty-five years, and has been a resident of the township for only a little over nine years, still his life record is a good one, and his success along business lines is one of which he may well be proud. He and his worthy wife enjoy the hospitality of many of the homes of the township, and have by their kind and pleasant disposition made friends of all.

SAMUEL RUTTER.

IN Des Moines county there are many inhabitants of foreign birth, who, attracted by more progressive institutions, broader educational facilities, and the superior advantages of making a living, have come here with their families and means, intending to found a home in the new country. These valuable additions to the native population have by their industry, economy, and honorable methods become essential factors in the growth of a city. Of such a class Samuel Rutter was a representative. He came from England, and here, by his upright and

exemplary life, won for himself an honored name, and gained many friends who entertained for him the highest regard, and who felt the deepest regret when he was called from this life.

Mr. Rutter was born in the city of Sheffield, England, Dec. 26, 1840, a son of Frederick D. and Catherine (Paschley) Rutter. His parents were both natives of England, the father being a silversmith of great ability, making many useful and ornamental articles. Mr. and Mrs. Rutter were the parents of eight children, of which Samuel was the youngest. The names of them are: George, Frederick, William, John, Reuben, Ann, Sarah, and Samuel.

In 1847, William, the third son, came to America, locating in Burlington, Iowa, where he secured work on the farm of Hon. John Patterson. When our subject was only five years old, his mother died, and was buried in Sheffield, England. In 1850 Mr. Rutter decided to bring the seven motherless children to America, and made the trip in an old-time sailing vessel, coming by way of New York, and being three long, tedious months on the great Atlantic. They came at once to Burlington, and while on the Ohio River, Reuben fell overboard and was drowned, which cast a great sadness over them all, and was a painful ending to their summer trip. Upon reaching Burlington, in the fall of 1850, the father began to work for the city, hauling rock and other material with which to make the levee. After a residence of twelve years, in which he did general teaming, Mr. Rutter removed to Benton township where he bought a farm of forty acres from Anderson Earl. Here he was engaged in gen-

eral farming and stock-raising till his death, which occurred Jan. 20, 1873.

In politics he was a strong Democrat, and in Christian belief was a member of the Church of England. He was an honest man, and one full of energy and high morality, thus commanding the respect and regard of all. His daughter Sarah, who deserves a great deal of credit for keeping house for her father, brothers, and sister for so long a time, and who married William Wirt, a prosperous farmer of Lovilia, Monroe county, Iowa, is the only surviving member of her father's family.

Our subject was educated in the North Hill school, of Burlington, where Miss Lizzie Richie was one of his early teachers. Upon leaving school he entered the higher and broader school of life, and began to battle for himself. For several years he was employed by the city in making the levee. He then bought a team, and worked with his father hauling for the stone- and brick-masons, who kept him busy the greater part of the season. When his father located in Benton township, Samuel went with him, but remained only about a year on the farm, when he was seized with a great desire to go West. In company with Fred Riepe, of Burlington, and Bert Hillhouse, brother of A. J. Hillhouse, of the same city, he started overland to California. Mr. Rutter was the trusted driver of the four spirited white horses all the way. They met many Indians on the plains, who were very friendly and kind to them. He remained in California for two years, being engaged in hauling ore from Virginia City to the government mint in San Francisco. It took the party three

months to make this trip, but they came back by water in a much less time. On the way home Mr. Rutter stopped at Pittsburg, where his brother George then resided.

On returning to Burlington he was married to Miss Harriet Dearlove, April 22, 1867. Mrs. Rutter is a daughter of Richard and Agnes (Barnes) Dearlove, and was born on Brown Street, London, England, Nov. 12, 1848, and was christened in St. Paul's cathedral. Her father was born in London, and her mother in Devonshire, England, where the former had a milk-walk. Mr. and Mrs. Dearlove were blessed with nine children, two being born in England and the others in America: Agnes; Harriet, wife of our subject; Elizabeth; John; Lydia Ann; Mary; George; Cora; and Julia. George, Mrs. Rutter, and Mary, who married John Tee, all reside in Benton township, Des Moines county, Iowa; while Cora, who married Jerry Sullivan, of New York, lives in Burlington. The other children have passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Dearlove came to America in 1851, and this voyage was one long to be remembered, as they were detained some three weeks in the English channel on account of the lack of a proper wind to carry them safely from the rocks. During this tie-up the passengers suffered greatly for food. After being on the water three months they landed in New Orleans, and proceeded to Burlington, Iowa. Here the father was engineer for two years at the Sunderland-Marchant mill, when he accepted a similar position with the Parkinson & Joy Plow Company. Later he conducted a grocery for a number of years, when he traded it and his home

for eighty acres of farm land in Benton township, where he operated a good farm for many years.

Mrs. Dearlove died April 14, 1883, in Kingston, Iowa, and Mr. Dearlove passed away July 29, 1903. They are both buried in the Kingston cemetery. They, too, were members of the Church of England, but never identified themselves with any denomination in their adopted country. In politics Mr. Dearlove was a Democrat. He and his worthy wife were much loved, and their memories are still green in the hearts of those who knew and loved them best.

Mrs. Rutter received her education in Burlington, first attending the private school of Miss Mercy Lewis, who was a thorough teacher and disciplinarian, and a lady of great dignity, whose life was full of good, charitable deeds done in behalf of others. She next was a pupil in the school conducted by Miss Lloyd, and later pursued her studies in the North Hill school under the principalship of Professor Dows.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Rutter six children were born, as follows: Dora Agnes, born Jan. 31, 1868, married Lynas Brockway, a farmer of Benton township, and has three daughters, Libbie Mabel, Harriet, and Hazel; Louisa Ann, born Oct. 19, 1871, was accidentally killed Oct. 8, 1874, by a barrel of ashes falling on her; Reuben William, born April 13, 1875, and died July 14, 1883; Grace J., born Oct. 1, 1876, is the wife of John Brockway, a farmer of Huron township, and has three children, Cora, Claude, and Blanche; Herbert Hayden, born Sept. 26, 1879, married Miss Ada Brockway, and has one daughter, Olive; Mary Catherine, the

youngest child, born Sept. 26, 1885, married Harry Gibbs, and resides in Benton township. These children received their education in the Kingston schools and the Limestone school, just out of Kingston.

Mr. and Mrs. Rutter established their first home on the William Rutter farm of eighty acres in Benton township, which they bought, and were very materially aided by the late Cornelius Bernard, of Burlington. After farming here for seven years, they sold the place, and purchased a home in Kingston, and for many years Mr. Rutter worked the farm owned by Mr. Henry Haight. In 1885 he was greatly afflicted with a paralytic stroke, thus causing Mrs. Rutter to become the bread-winner for the family. Through the great kindness of her neighbor, Mrs. Haight, Mr. James F. Klein, and the Pilger Grocery Company, both of Burlington, she was enabled to start a grocery in the village of Kingston, where for ten long years she conducted this store and cared for her afflicted husband.

In 1895 she sold the grocery to Frank Volkmer, and bought eighty acres of land in Huron township from Simeon Russell, of Burlington. With the aid of her son Herbert she was able to carry on general farming, and ever found a ready sale for her produce in Burlington. She had much to contend with at first while on this farm, as high water overtook her, and her corn crop was washed away several seasons. After the rapping of the river, however, the land increased greatly in value; and as Mr. Rutter had another stroke, in 1898 she sold her farm, to good advantage, and again moved to Kingston, where she

bought a small home. Here she devoted all her time to her invalid husband, who gradually grew worse till death claimed him, Sept. 26, 1903. She laid him to rest in the Kingston cemetery beside his father.

Mr. Rutter was a Democrat, but never cared to hold office. He and Mrs. Rutter were members of the Presbyterian church, but owing to his affliction he was denied the privilege of attending regularly. Mr. Rutter was of a very retiring disposition, but one strong in all that was just and right, and was a synonym for honorable dealing. His younger days were rounded out with the greatest of activity. He was a large, warm-hearted friend, a good husband, loving father, and a man who left his family something better than great riches—an untarnished name. His widow still resides in the home in Kingston, and her son Herbert lives with her. Mrs. Rutter is of a very happy and sunny disposition, and through all the many hardships she has been called upon to endure she has never been known to murmur or complain. She justly appreciates a kindness, as this record shows, and possesses great business ability. She deserves great credit for her labors of the past; and when she too, is called to meet her Lord, we have the assurance she will receive a place at his right hand.

THOMAS WILLIAM SHERIDAN.

THOMAS WILLIAM SHERIDAN, who is well known as a stock-raiser and dealer of Huron township, shipping on an average

four or five car-loads of cattle annually, was born on the farm which is now his home, his natal day being Oct. 30, 1854. His parents were Thomas and Eliza (Latta) Sheridan. The father came to Des Moines county from Pickaway county, Ohio, about 1840, finding here a region largely undeveloped and unimproved. Much of the land was still in possession of the government, and he secured a claim of three hundred twenty acres on Sections 2 and 3, Huron township. This he developed into an excellent farm, making his home thereon up to the time of his death, which occurred in January, 1871, when he was sixty-one years of age. His widow survived him for a few years, and passed away at the age of sixty-six. They were worthy pioneer people, who aided largely in planting the seeds of civilization and improvement here, and they well deserve mention on the pages of history devoted to the representative citizens, past and present, of Des Moines county.

In retrospect one can see Thomas William Sheridan as a farmer lad in attendance on the district schools of his township, and when not busy with his text-books and the pleasures of the playground, assisting in the work of the home farm. He has always followed agricultural pursuits, and has made most of the improvements upon the property which he now owns and occupies. The old house which was built by his father has recently been torn down, and is supplanted by a new, modern residence. There are also good barns and other outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock, and everything about his place is kept in good repair. He raises and feeds from four to five car-loads of cattle annually, and about the same number of hogs. He makes a specialty of Duroc hogs, and raises horses of the Norman

breed for draft purposes. He is considered an excellent judge of stock, and is authority on their value and on the best methods of caring for farm animals. He has erected several substantial barns, and everything about his place is in keeping with modern ideas of progressive farming. He has added to his property a tract of eighty acres on the east, which he bought of Anthony Schutt; and from Frank Wilcox he purchased one hundred twenty-five acres in Section 11, Huron township. He therefore now has extensive and valuable property interests, and is one of the leading agriculturists of his community.

Mr. Sheridan was married in February, 1890, the lady of his choice being Miss Anna Mary Wilkie, a daughter of Thomas and Luella (Banty) Wilkie, and a native of Huron township, Des Moines county. Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan now have eight children, namely: True, Paul, Loyal, Ronald, Clifford, Carroll, Genevieve, and Kermit. The parents hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, and Mr. Sheridan belongs to the Modern Woodmen Camp, No. 4380, of Oakfield. He is interested in the progress and improvement of the county in social and church affairs, and in political questions which affect the welfare of the county, State, and nation; but his chief interest centers in his business, and through capable management and unfaltering diligence he has become one of the foremost representatives of agricultural life in Huron township.

WILLIAM VAHLE.

WILLIAM VAHLE, one of the prominent and respected German farmers of Flint River Township for the past thirty years,

is a son of Zacharias and Anna (Forker) Vahle, and was born in Prussia, Germany, April 25, 1850. He was reared to manhood upon the parental farm, receiving his education in the district schools in the vicinity of his home.

In 1868 he came to America, locating in St. Louis, where he remained till 1872, when he became a resident of Des Moines county, Iowa. In 1875 he bought one hundred acres of land in Section 8, and twenty-five acres in Section 9, Flint River township, where the bridge is now located. His deed calls for twenty-five acres, but the road commissioners put a road through this land and built a bridge thereon, without the consent of Mr. Vahle.

June 23, 1873, Mr. Vahle wedded Miss Christina Dicks, daughter of John Dicks. They became the parents of eleven children, of whom eight are living: Gusta married A. Westerbeck, and died at the age of twenty-six years; Ina is the wife of Fred Meyer; Emma married Fred Weile; Louisa became the second wife of A. Westerbeck; Minnie, who is now Mrs. William Campbell; Henry died aged nine years; William died when a babe of only nine months; Nellie, Edward, and William at home.

The devoted wife and mother of this large family passed away to the great beyond in April, 1898. December 7, 1899, Mr. Vahle married Mrs. Mary Schilte. Mrs. Vahle's first husband was Henry Lee, by whom she became the mother of two children, Charles and Louisa. By her second marriage, to August Schilte, she had six children: Anna, who is now Mrs. James Riady; William; Lena, wife of Otto Jaeger; Minnie, who married Fred Jaeger; Emma and Elsie, at home.

Politically, Mr. Vahle casts his vote in-

dependently, and has never aspired to any office. He carries on general farming, in all branches of which he is most successful, as he is well versed in the best methods of producing crops and raising stock. He has made all the improvements on his place, built a good residence, a new barn 30 x 40 feet, and other necessary outbuildings. Mr. Vahle deserves much credit for his success in life. He had no financial backing, but by his own energy, activity, and willing hands he has accomplished much, and his example in business is worthy of emulation.

THEODORE WOEPKING.

THEODORE WOEPKING, who has for a number of years occupied a prominent position in the business world of Burlington, Iowa, as a leading hardware merchant, was born in Burlington Feb. 16, 1864, and for his education is indebted to the public schools of this city. On leaving school he took employment as a clerk for Mr. L. Tenschler, with whom he remained for a period of eighteen to twenty months, and thereafter was engaged as a painter for a year and a half. He then decided to take up the tinner's trade, and went to work with his brother, William. After serving an apprenticeship at the tinner's bench, on Feb. 14, 1898, he began business for himself at his present location, 1700 Osborn Street, where he carries a large line of hardware and builder's supplies, also having a tin and job shop in connection, and executing all kinds of sheet metal work.

Dec. 29, 1887, he was married to Miss Anna Best, a native of Franklin, Iowa. They have two sons, Warner and Harry.

Mr. Woepking is identified in a fraternal way with the Burlington organization of the Modern Woodmen of America, and is extensively known in fraternal and social circles. He has achieved material prosperity in proportion to his ability and merits, and success has been his in generous measure. He enjoys the general respect and regard, and the public spirit which has characterized his business life entitles him to universal consideration.

WILLIAM MILLER.

WILLIAM MILLER, an honored and well-to-do farmer of Flint River township, is a son of Christ and Mary (Ritter) Miller. He was born Sept. 22, 1842, in Yearstead, Prussia, Germany. After completing his early schooling and training in the free schools of his native place he was apprenticed to a tailor, from whom he learned the trade of a first-class tailor. He was busily employed as a journeyman with several of the leading tailors in the city of his birth till 1866, when he took a steamer from Hamburg, Germany, to England, and thence came in an old-time sailing vessel to New York, where he spent some three months quickly learning the American methods of tailoring.

July, 1866, was the date of his coming to Burlington, where he followed his vocation for five years with one of the merchant tailors. At the expiration of this time, 1871, he made a radical change in his business, buying twenty acres of farm land from Robert Hare, in Flint River township, where he lived for seven years, adding in the meantime twenty acres more. He then traded his forty acres to



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a man by name of Fred Schultz, for one hundred and sixty acres of land in Nebraska. A little difficulty arose, and he was obliged to take back twenty acres of the original farm, and then later sold that, and traded with Edward Johnson the one hundred and sixty acres in Nebraska for three pieces of property in Flint River township,—sixty-one acres on Section 15, eighty-one acres on Section 9, and one hundred and forty-one acres on Sections 10 and 15. When he took possession of this place it was in a very wild condition with unbroken prairies, and much of it containing old dead trees and huge stumps, with no buildings on it at all. Mr. Miller has erected many necessary outbuildings for his convenience, and also erected a comfortable house in the year 1883. The house is of stone, cemented on the outside. Beside his general farming he raises a good deal of stock—about twenty head of cattle, eight head of horses, and from twenty to forty hogs annually. One can hardly believe his beautiful home of to-day is the one that was in such an uncultivated condition such a short time ago.

In 1872, Mr. Miller married Miss Dorothy Schultz, daughter of Andrew Schultz. Mrs. Miller was born Nov. 30, 1846, in Quinabeck, Prussia, Germany. This union was blessed with eight children: Louisa, born June 18, 1873, who is Mrs. William Isoman, of Burlington; William, born Aug. 25, 1874, resides on eighty acres in Flint River township; Emma, born January, 1870, at home; Minnie, born Feb. 2, 1878, is the wife of William Schultz, whose sketch also appears in this review, and lives in Flint River township, on the property recently owned by

William Griffith; Edward, born April 28, 1881; Clara, born Nov. 1, 1883; Herman, born April 29, 1885; and John, born July 5, 1887. The last four children are at home with their father. Mrs. Miller died July 28, 1899. Mr. Miller is a member of the German Lutheran church. In all the work of improvement and general progress of the township, Mr. Miller has always done his part, and as a citizen is one of the most highly respected in the community.

CHARLES AUGUST HECKENBERG.

CHARLES AUGUST HECKENBERG, who was born in Burlington, is a son of Herman Henry and Mary (Schumell) Heckenberg, his birth occurring March 19, 1856. He is indebted to the grammar schools of the city of his birth for his education. His school days over, he went at once to work on a farm, and in 1872, when only seventeen years old, he bought one hundred and nineteen acres of land on Section 22, in Flint River township. This was quite an undertaking for one so young, as all this land except eighteen acres was in a wild and rough condition. There were no buildings on the place except the old-fashioned house, and only a very little fence. Mr. Heckenberg has fenced all of the farm, built all the necessary buildings used on a farm, besides a large and commodious modern barn, which he erected in 1895. The barn is thirty by forty feet, and enhances much the value as well as the beauty of the place. At the present writing he carries on farming quite extensively, having about sixty acres under cultivation. He raises from fifteen to

twenty hogs and four or five head of cattle annually, and has invested largely in modern farm implements and machinery. He is a subscriber of the Flint River Valley Telephone Company, and finds the connection with the city a great convenience. On Feb. 13, 1885, Mr. Heckenberg was married to Miss Mary Berning, daughter of Herman and Mary Berning. This marriage has been graced by five children, two sons and three daughters: George, Laura, Oscar, Selma, and Lena, all living and all at home with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Heckenberg are members of the German Evangelical church, where they are actively engaged in all that pertains to the advancement of the church and the promoting of Christianity. Politically, he is a staunch Democrat, but has never aspired to any public office, though he has always been loyal to his party. Even though Mr. Heckenberg is still in the prime of life, yet he has witnessed many changes during his residence of fifty years in Des Moines county, and his home place is a good example of the ability of a thrifty farmer. His progress has been slow but sure, and his untiring energy and progressive spirit have always inspired him to look ahead to a day of rest, which he has partially obtained. His upright and straightforward dealings in business have won for him the confidence and respect of all the valley.

.. JAMES WALLACE BAIRD.

JAMES WALLACE BAIRD has since the fall of 1873 made his home on Section 10, Yellow Springs township, where he has an excellent farm of one hundred acres of land

that is rich and arable, bringing him good harvests annually. He is a native son of Iowa, and possesses the enterprising spirit which has been the dominant factor in the growth and development of the State. His birth occurred in Louisa county, Sept. 18, 1847, and he is a son of John and Catherine (McElhinney) Baird, both of whom were natives of County Derry, Ireland. The mother was only three years old when brought by her parents to America. She was born Aug. 10, 1822, and died April 14, 1900. John Baird, however, was reared and educated in his native country, and was a young man of twenty-four years when he decided to seek a home in the New World. He accordingly crossed the Atlantic, and for a few years remained a resident of Philadelphia, Pa., where he worked as a laborer.

In March, 1840, he was married in that city to Miss McElhinney, and about May 1, 1840, came direct to Iowa, where they lived until called to their final rest. For a brief period they remained in Louisa county, but during the infancy of their son James, came to Des Moines county. About 1848 the father entered a tract of land of eighty acres, but later sold that property and entered another eighty-acre tract on Section 4. His wife also bought an eighty-acre tract, and upon that farm they made their home. Not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made when the land came into the possession of the father, but with characteristic energy he began its development, and as the years went by his fields became productive and his labors profitable. The old home place is now owned by the youngest son, J. P. Baird.

There are twelve children in the family: Robert, now deceased; John L., who is

living in Centerville, Iowa; Samuel C., who died in Nebraska in 1904; James W.; Nancy Jane, the wife of Daniel Yohe, of Nebraska; Margaret Ann, the wife of Adam Walkinshaw, who is living in Nebraska; Robert M., who resides in Winfield, Henry county, Iowa; Elizabeth, the wife of Robert G. Reed; Mary C., at home; Rosanna, the wife of I. R. Carithers; and Joseph W., who is living on the old homestead farm in Yellow Springs township. The father was a member of the Presbyterian church in his native country, and in 1846, in company with others he organized the Reformed Presbyterian Congregation of Sharon, in this county. He was a man of upright life, believing firmly in the Christian religion, and exemplifying his faith in his daily conduct and in all his relations with his fellow-men. He died July 4, 1881, when in his seventieth year, his birth having occurred about 1812.

James Wallace Baird was brought to Des Moines county during his infancy, his parents locating in Yellow Springs township. He acquired his education in the district schools of Des Moines and Louisa counties, and his boyhood days were quietly passed in the usual manner of farm lads of the period. Having arrived at years of maturity, he was married, April 7, 1871, to Miss Mary Ann Walkinshaw, a daughter of John and Margaret (Glasgow) Walkinshaw. Mrs. Baird was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, March 19, 1851, and by her marriage has become the mother of nine children, namely: Minnie Loretta, the wife of J. T. Carithers, who is living in Yellow Springs township; Edmond Alfonz; Lena Mabel, the wife of John P. Robertson, who is living on the William Hensleigh farm, in Yellow Springs township; Merrill Waldo,

who attended the business college at Quincy, Ill.; Oliver Emmet; Otto Clarence; Ralph Ehrman, Oscar Marion, and Blanch Verona, all at home, the last two being twins.

It was in the fall of 1874 that Mr. Baird purchased his present farm, taking up his abode thereon. He has made good improvements here since, including the erection of a fine barn and other buildings. The farm comprises one hundred acres of land, and is all under cultivation, the fields returning excellent crops of corn, wheat, and other cereals. Mr. Baird is also well known as a stock-dealer, and usually raises several head of horses each year, at the present time having seventeen head, principally draft horses. He also has some good cattle upon his place, and about forty head of Poland China hogs ready for the market. He is a busy man, and indolence and idleness are utterly foreign to his nature. As the years have passed he has worked persistently and energetically, and that he is now in possession of a comfortable home is attributable entirely to his own labors and God's blessing.

JOHN YAGER.

JOHN YAGER is one of the enterprising and progressive business men of Yellow Springs township, connected with farming and stock-raising interests. He is a native of West Phalen, Germany, his birth having occurred in Usinger. He was brought to America by his parents when only six weeks old, and the family located near Dodgeville, Franklin township, where they lived for some years.

The father had previously learned the butcher's trade in Germany, and after coming to the New World he worked as a laborer by the day. Later he was employed at the plaster mason's trade, and helped to build the old stone mill at Dodgeville, which was the first work he did in the State of Iowa. He afterward took up his abode in Burlington, and followed butchering in the winter months, while in the summer season he was employed as a builder in mason work. He had a family of eleven children.

John Yager spent the days of his boyhood and youth in his father's home, and was early inured to labor, it being necessary that he provide for his own support, as his father had a large family, and was in limited financial circumstances. There were only three stores in Burlington at the time the family home was established in this part of the State, and Mr. Yager has since been a witness of the development and growth that have wrought a wonderful transformation here. None of his brothers and sisters have ever married. He and his brother John are connected in their business interests, and their sister Mary Maria acts as their housekeeper. She was born Nov. 16, 1843. Mr. Yager and his brother are now building a suspension bridge from the top of one hill to another. The bridge is about two hundred feet long, and about twenty feet and five inches high, and is constructed of wire cables. They are well known in connection with industrial life in this part of the State, and are known as enterprising business men, giving their undivided attention to the interests entrusted to their care and to their private business concerns.

FRIEDERIC CHARLES SIELERMAN.

FRIEDERIC CHARLES SIELERMAN, a farmer by occupation, owing his success to his persistent efforts, is a native of Prussia, Germany, his birth having occurred in the province of Westphalia, on the 9th of May, 1835, his parents being Charles and Elizabeth Sielerman. He pursued his education in the place of his nativity, and remained there until twenty-two years of age, when he crossed the Atlantic to America, making his way directly to Sperry, Iowa, where he arrived Nov. 23, 1857, having reached Burlington the previous day.

Two days later he began working for Mr. Gillette, and was employed as a farm hand by the month until February, 1850, when he was married to Miss Marie Sophie Dreckmeyer, a daughter of Fred and Anna Marie (Lange) Dreckmeyer, who was also a native of the province of Westphalia, Prussia, her birth there occurring Sept. 5, 1833. She came to America at the age of twenty-four years on the same ship with her husband—an old-time sailing vessel which was nine weeks and three days from port to port, anchor being dropped in the harbor of New Orleans. He then made his way up the river as far as Fort Madison, where they took wagons for Burlington, since, on account of the frozen condition of the river, they could not proceed further by boat.

Mr. Sielerman has always followed the occupation of farming, and in 1875 made his first purchase of land, becoming the owner of forty-seven acres on Section 13, Franklin township, and twenty acres in

Benton township. He has placed all of the improvements upon his farm, and now has one of the attractive homes of this section. He has planted many kinds of fruit, has a good orchard, and well-tilled fields. He also has some good stock upon his place. In fact, it is an excellent farm, owned by a man of progressive spirit and laudable ambition.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Sielerman have been born twelve children: Eliza, who died at the age of two years; Charles Fred, who is a farmer, and lives in Franklin township; Anna Elizabeth, the wife of Otto Wunnenberg; Herman Henry, who died at the age of five months; Mary, the wife of Charles Weismeyer; Charles, who died at the age of ten years; two who died in infancy; Carrie, at home; and John and Frederick, who assist in the operation of the home farm.

Almost a half century has passed since Mr. Sielerman took up his abode in this county, hoping to find in the business conditions of the New World better opportunities than he could enjoy in his native land. Nor has he been disappointed in the hope that led him to America, for he finds that in this country labor gains its true reward, unhampered by caste or class. He has steadily persevered in his chosen field of labor until he is now in possession of a good property.

JOHN FREDERICH ROLF.

JOHN FREDERICH ROLF, whose life record is another demonstration of the fact that persistent effort, guided by good business judgment, results in success, was born in

West Phalen, Prussia, Germany, July 9, 1853, his parents being Gottlieb and Catharine (Ackhorst) Rolf. He is indebted to the public schools for the educational advantages which he enjoyed in his youth, and when he put aside his school books at the age of fifteen years, he was apprenticed to a merchant to learn the business, acting in that capacity for three and a half years, and thus gaining business experience which has proved of considerable value to him in later years.

In February, 1872, Mr. Rolf left his native land and started for America, landing at New York in March. He did not tarry long in the Eastern metropolis, however, but came directly to Burlington, Iowa, where he entered the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, being connected with the section crew for a year. He afterward spent a year as clerk in the grocery store of H. H. Niemyer, after which he began working for John Blaul, but two weeks later he became ill with typhoid fever and it was some time before he regained his health and strength. When he had recovered, he began working for the firm of Rhodes & Kelley, general merchants, continuing with them until the dissolution of the partnership, after which he remained in the employ of John Rhodes, who became sole proprietor of the business. Mr. Rolf continued with him for five years, and then began business on his own account, as a partner of Jacob Scholl, under the firm style of Rolf & Scholl, dealers in groceries, at the corner of Ninth and Locust Streets. This relation was maintained for three years, when Mr. Rolf sold his interest to Mr. Scholl, and formed a partnership with Henry Miller as dealers in general merchandise, at the corner of Center Ave-

nue and South Street, under the firm name of Miller & Rolf. Six months later Mr. Rolf disposed of his interest and spent four months in the supply department of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, in West Burlington. Subsequently he engaged with his old-time employer, Mr. Niemyer, being with him for about four years in the grocery business, Mr. Rolf having entire charge of the feed store. He then bought out the feed business at 622 Jefferson Street, continuing in that location for eight years, when he leased a piece of ground at 702 Jefferson Street and built a store which he occupied for six years. In the meantime he bought the land and moved the old building and erected the present brick block at 702-04 Jefferson Street, and has since conducted business here as a dealer in flour, feed, hay, and grain. He now has a large patronage, which renders his business profitable, and he is regarded as one of the reliable merchants of his section of the city.

May 7, 1878, Mr. Rolf was married to Miss Emma Hippe, a daughter of John Freiderich and Louisa (Goesling) Hippe. They have six living children and have lost two, Johannas, who died at the age of one year, and Freiderich, who died in infancy. The others are: Louisa Amelia, who is living at home; William Henry; Anna, thirteen years of age; Ruth, age eleven; Carl George, age eight; and Reginald, one year old.

Mr. Rolf is a member of Excelsior Lodge, No. 268, Independent Order Odd Fellows, and was its secretary for some time. He also belongs to Crystal Lodge, No. 272, Ancient Order of United Workmen. He is an advocate of Democratic principles, but does not consider himself bound by party

ties, and at local elections regards the capability of the candidate rather than the party allegiance. Coming to America when a young man of eighteen years, he has made his own way in the world unaided, nor has he ever had occasion to regret his determination to seek a home in America, for labor is more certain of a just reward in this country, and his own perseverance and resolute purpose have enabled him to become the proprietor of a paying business which affords him all of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life.

CHARLES H. KRUEGER.

As a boy of only nine years, Charles H. Krueger became responsible for his own support, and has ever since depended solely upon his own efforts for advancement, evincing at all times a steady determination of purpose which is highly praiseworthy. He was born Jan. 30, 1861, in the city of Burlington, Iowa, a son of Fred W. Krueger, a native of Germany, who came to America about the year 1857, landing at New Orleans after an ocean voyage of two months' duration, coming northward from that port to St. Louis, where he remained for a short time before settling in Burlington. The elder Krueger died in this city in 1870, at the age of thirty-six years, and was buried in Aspen Grove cemetery, survived by his widow, who before marriage was Miss Louisa Detering, and by her there were seven children, as follows: Fred W., who married Miss Sophia Foelke, and resides in Burlington; Charles H., the subject of this review; W. C., of Burlington, who married Miss Minnie Berges; H. W., chief clerk of

the Burlington postoffice, who married Miss Lizzie Schwam; Mrs. Fred Gunther, wife of the well-known contractor of this city; and Louis H., of Burlington, who married Miss Kate Knox. One daughter, Mrs. John Higgins, is now deceased, and lies buried in Aspen Grove cemetery, Burlington. The mother of this family again married, her second husband being Daniel Desgranges, now deceased, and she resides at 1720 Mark Lane Street.

The father of Mr. Krueger was a carpenter and contractor, but he himself began active life on a farm, continuing at that work for three years, or until he was twelve years of age, and shortly afterward he obtained employment as night mail clerk in the Burlington postoffice. Failing health, however, obliged him to relinquish this position after a tenure of only six months, and for two years immediately following he was engaged as porter in the wholesale establishment of S. R. and I. C. McConnell, while the next two years were spent in the Henry Herman shoe store. Meantime he had been led by a worthy ambition for self-advancement to attend night schools, while devoting his days to labor, and thus by dint of hard work and hard study acquired an excellent practical education, and fitted himself for a broad and successful career.

By diligent application and careful management, Mr. Krueger amassed the necessary capital, and in 1884 started a retail grocery store at 1321 Osborn Street, later removing to the corner of Osborn and North Oak Streets, where he remained for seven years. In September, 1893, he again moved, this time to 1810 Osborn Street, at which location he has since remained, having erected there a fine brick building, two stories in height, of generous propor-

tions, to accommodate the rapidly increasing volume of business; for he has from the first enjoyed unusual success as a result of his fair and just methods. He is assisted by his brother, W. C. Krueger, who acts as clerk in the store. In 1893 he erected a modern dwelling-house on the lot adjoining the store, 1812 Osborn Street, which has since been his residence, and also owns other valuable property in Burlington.

In 1884, Mr. Krueger wedded Miss Anna M. Wolbrand, who was born in Burlington, Iowa, July 9, 1865, of German parentage. Mrs. Krueger's father, who was engaged in the grocery business in this city, is deceased, while the mother survives and resides at 1419 Gnahn Street. A sister, Mrs. William Woepking, resides on North Oak Street, Burlington, and a brother, Henry Wolbrand, of Cedar Rapids, is an engineer in the service of the Rock Island Railway Company. Mr. Krueger is an adherent of the Democratic party, but has never cared to hold political office, although his connection with public affairs is quite extensive. He is a member of Washington Lodge, No. 1, Independent Order Odd Fellows, having passed through the chairs, and being a past grand of that Lodge. He is also in membership relations with Eureka Encampment, No. 2, of the Independent Order Odd Fellows; Excelsior Lodge, No. 253, Ancient Order United Workmen, through whose chairs he has passed; and of Camp No. 98, Modern Woodmen of America. He is actively interested in the commercial prosperity of Burlington, as a member of the Retail Grocers' Association, of which he has been treasurer, and of the Business Men's Association. He gives of his time to the public service as a member of the Improvement Committee for Aspen Grove

cemetery, while he served for five years as a director of Burlington Hospital. In his religious connection he is a member of the First German Evangelical Church, whose house of worship is located at the corner of Sixth and Columbia Streets, and at one time served as director of the German Parochial School maintained in connection with that church. He is a stockholder of the Burlington Savings Bank, and is in many ways intimately connected with those progressive movements which have for their object the furthering of the moral and material interests of the city. Beginning at the bottom of the ladder, he has worked his way upward to an honored and respected position in the community entirely by his own efforts and abilities, proving himself a man of peculiarly sane and sound business judgment. His business establishment is one of the most complete and neatly arranged in the city, and his wide circle of loyal friends insures his continued success.

ENOS THOMAS.

ENOS THOMAS, now a highly respected and prosperous merchant of Boulder, Jefferson county, Mont., was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, Dec. 4, 1846. The paternal grandparents of Mr. Thomas were Enos and Anna (Forsythe) Thomas, the former being born in Wales, and the latter a descendant of Charles the Second of England. The parents of our subject were John and Sarah (Harmen) Thomas, worthy and much-respected citizens of Philadelphia, where the father was engaged in the wholesale tea business.

Mr. Thomas began his education in the public schools in his native county, and later finished it in a private school in Western Pennsylvania. Bidding adieu to school days, he assisted his father, and remained under the parental roof until he was twenty-one years of age.

Soon after reaching his majority he learned the trade of a tinsmith, and in 1868 he moved to Tama county, Iowa, where for four or five years he was engaged as an enterprising farmer. He then became a merchant until 1885, when he located in the far West and opened a hardware store in Boulder, Mont., in which business he is still engaged.

May 30, 1900, Mr. Thomas was married to Miss Susan Serena David at the home of her cousin, Mrs. Samuel Mercer, 721 Washington Street, Burlington, Iowa. Mrs. Thomas is a daughter of Barton T. and Mary Ann (Francis) David. Michael David, father of Barton T. David, was born in Heidelberg, Germany. He came to America and settled in Mason county, Kentucky. He fought in the Revolutionary War, and also in the War of 1812. The mother of Barton T. David, Cecelia (Tharp) David, was born in Wales.

Barton T. David was engaged in the grocery business in Olena, Ill., and in 1842 and 1843 in a general store on Water Street, in Burlington, Iowa, with Thomas Kitchen. A more extended sketch of his life will be found in the sketch of Charles Garman, who was the husband of his daughter Mary.

Mrs. Thomas was born in Olena, Ill., June 1, 1853, and came with her parents to Burlington, Iowa, when a very small child. She attended the public schools, where she spent her girlhood, and at the

death of her mother became her father's housekeeper, which position she filled for many years, till her father passed away. After the death of Mr. David, Mrs. Thomas resided in the home place for some years, till her marriage. She still owns the old home place. She united with the Baptist church in 1870, and was one of the most devoted and earnest workers in the Walnut Baptist church, in Burlington, to the time of her removal to Boulder, Mont., where she is now actively engaged in Christian church work.

Mr. Thomas belongs to the Society of Friends. He is a man of excellent reputation, high principles, and integrity, and possesses superior business capacity. Though very quiet and retiring in his manner and disposition, yet he makes and retains friends by the hundreds, and commands the highest regard of all the community.

CHARLES HENRY SCHICK.

NUMBERED among the progressive young men to enter the field of business in Burlington during recent years is Charles Henry Schick, who was born in Burlington, Oct. 20, 1864, a son of Charles Frederick and Lena (Miller) Schick, the latter of whom is now deceased, while the father survives, and resides at the corner of Center Avenue and Ash Street, with his son-in-law, Frank Bouquet.

Mr. Schick received his preliminary education in the public schools of Burlington, of which he is a graduate, and also attended Elliott's Business College during one term, but in addition he has always been an extensive reader, especially along the lines of

advanced and scientific thought, and is a man of broad and accurate information on all phases of current questions. His first work for which he received pay was as a carrier for a German newspaper, in which capacity he acted for four months, and during the following period of seven months he worked at the marble-cutting trade for a Mr. Fitzpatrick. This he abandoned, however, for the trade of harness-making, in which he began his apprenticeship under the direction of Mr. A. Forkel, and completed it with Mr. Fred Beckenbach, finishing in 1884. Having mastered this trade, he was employed in various factories until 1902, thus gaining a broad and valuable experience along practical lines. In the latter year he established an independent business at 904 Maple Street, where he has since continued with very marked success. Here he carries a full line of all kinds of harness and saddlery, and in addition does repair work, a branch of the business in which he is particularly expert.

On May 23, 1885, Mr. Schick was united in marriage to Miss Lulu C. Kahre, daughter of Frederick and Catherine (Kunz) Kahre, and to them have been born four sons and three daughters, as follows: Benton, aged nineteen years; Harry, sixteen; Lulu, fourteen; Clyde, twelve; Vera, ten; Marjorie, six; and George, three.

Fraternally, Mr. Schick is a member of Camp No. 98, Modern Woodmen of America, of Burlington, with which he became identified in 1890. In his attitude toward the political tendencies of the times, he supports the Socialist or Social Democratic party, in whose work he is prominent, and occupies a position of distinguished influence, having at the last elections been the candidate of his party for congressman of

the district. The strength of the movement in this section and the personal popularity of Mr. Schick may be judged by the fact that he received the unprecedented number of more than seven hundred votes in Des Moines county alone. His personal character and private life are such as to command the highest respect, and as a man of vast information, strong qualities of leadership, and sane judgment, it may be safely predicted that distinguished honors await him, although he is not one to seek his individual advancement at the expense of the common welfare or that of the cause which he has espoused and champions with such marked ability.

Mr. Schick has also been quite an inventor, and recently was granted a patent on a lawn trimmer that will become extensively used. He has organized a stock company, the Burlington Lawn Trimmer Company, to place it on the market. This company has a capital stock of fifteen thousand dollars; W. W. Copeland is president; C. H. Schick, vice-president and secretary; and Frank G. Andre is treasurer. Mr. Schick has also a number of other valuable inventions.

JOHN MEHAFFY.

PROMINENT in business circles, and equally popular in social life, John Mehaffy, who is a native son of the Emerald Isle, well deserves representation in this volume. His parents, David and Hannah (Wright) Mehaffy, were Scotch-Irish, and raised a large family. In order that his sons might have better advantages the father brought them to America, where his hopes were fully realized.

John Mehaffy was born in County Monaghan, Ireland, May 28, 1840, and attended the schools of the county. Following in the footsteps of his father he selected the occupation of farming as his calling in life, and for many years after reaching his manhood he carried on the work of a farmer in the place of his birth.

In 1872 Mr. Mehaffy crossed the ocean, with the State of Iowa in view as his destination. After looking around for a short time, he bought one hundred and twenty acres of fine rich land on Section 17, in Yellow Springs township, and began his labor. He had much to accomplish in order that he might obtain the best results from this farm, as some of it was covered with timber, and the improvements on it were on a very small scale. He had great ambition, and being a man of great energy and activity, at once commenced to clear the land. In a few years his labor yielded him very good profits, and he was able to make very substantial improvements.

It certainly must be very gratifying to Mr. Mehaffy, when he casts his eyes about and notes the condition and general appearance of his beautiful farm to-day, and then pictures in his mind what it looked like when he first owned it, to be able to say it is the work of his own hands. The land is all under cultivation, and is well tiled and drained; it fully verifies the statement that Iowa is the place to raise the finest corn. At one time Mr. Mehaffy and his sons were known far and wide as the Mehaffy corn planters, as they operated some seven hundred and sixty acres and met with great success. The modern barn, convenient and well-built house, together with the other buildings and the fences on the place, all stand to-day as testimonials of the progress and advance-

ment Mr. Mehaffy has made in life. Besides making a specialty of corn-raising, he carries on general farming to a large extent, as well as feeding a car-load of cattle and raising about seventy hogs annually.

In January, 1861, Mr. Mehaffy was married to Miss Elizabeth Winslow, daughter of Wilson and Elizabeth (Lister) Winslow. This union has been blessed with nine children, all of whom grew to manhood and womanhood and are now living, and are a great credit to the parents. The children are: Hannah Jane, who married Joseph Brown; David, of Mediapolis; John Wright, of Linton; Samuel, of Yellow Springs township; Lizzie, who became Mrs. James Edgar, of Crookston, Minn.; Lena, at home; William Wilson, of Roscoe; Mattie, at home; and Joseph, who lives east of Mediapolis.

After sharing the joys and sorrows of married life for a little over thirteen years, Mrs. Mehaffy was called to her final reward, Sept. 14, 1878, at the early age of twenty-eight years. She had many friends who loved her dearly, and at her death mingled their tears of deep sympathy with the bereaved husband and sorrowing children.

March 6, 1886, Mr. Mehaffy married Miss Elizabeth Hutchinson, who was born in County Almera, Ireland, and is a daughter of John and Agnes (Andrew) Hutchinson. Mr. and Mrs. Mehaffy are both devoted and influential members of the Reformed Presbyterian church, and always rejoice in the spiritual advancement of the same.

Mr. Mehaffy has never sought for public office, but for his good judgment and ability was placed in the position of supervisor of his township, an appointment which he held for some sixteen years.

The hospitable home of this worthy couple

is ever open to one and all of their host of friends. They are always on the alert to perform a deed of kindness, and to reach out a helping hand to the poor and needy. Mr. Mehaffy is a whole-souled man whom it is a pleasure to know. He is broad and liberal in his views, fond of a good joke, and of an exceedingly sunny disposition, which characteristics, coupled with principles which make for right, justice, and morality, have endeared him to the whole community.

ALLISON LINES.

ALLISON LINES, deceased, was a pioneer resident of Des Moines county, who took up his abode within its borders in 1838, and continued his residence here until his death sixty-seven years later. He was born in Rush county, Indiana, July 16, 1824, and was a son of John and Diana (Harrington) Lines. Arriving in Des Moines county in 1838, he settled on Section 20, Franklin township, where William Wagner now resides. The trip was made with his parents, and the father purchased the farm, comprising two hundred and twenty acres of land, which was rich in possibilities, but then undeveloped. They broke the prairie and tilled the fields, and Allison Lines continued to remain with his parents until they were called to their final rest, assisting the father in the arduous task of improving a new farm. He was the third in order of birth in a family of twelve children — nine sons and three daughters.

Allison Lines was reared as a farm lad, acquired a common-school education, and early became familiar with the work of the fields. After reaching man's estate he saw

no need to change his occupation, and continued to engage in agriculture, which Washington said "is the most useful and most honorable occupation of man," operating a farm of sixty-two acres, and owning twenty acres of timber. He was also a carpenter, and did much work in that direction, being identified for many years with building operations. Whatever he undertook claimed his close application and earnest efforts, and by his well-directed labors he gained a gratifying measure of prosperity.

Sept. 7, 1848, Mr. Lines was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Bishop, a daughter of Jonathan and Henrietta (Reader) Bishop. She was born June 17, 1830, in Rush county, Indiana, within five miles of her husband's birthplace, but they did not become acquainted until they arrived in this State. Mrs. Lines came to Des Moines county in 1846, and spent the remainder of her girlhood in Danville township. Unto our subject and his wife were born nine children: Sarah C., who died when eleven years of age; Mary, the wife of James Smith, of Franklin township; Diana, who died at the age of four months; William Henry, who died when eighteen months old; Charlotte, the wife of Amos Beere, of Yellow Springs township; Almira, at home; Emma, the wife of Edward Heitmeier, of Columbia Junction, Iowa; John B., a farmer, and trustee of Franklin township; and Anna, who died at the age of twenty-two years.

In early days Mr. Lines became a supporter of the Know-Nothing party, and later gave his political allegiance to the Republican party. Almost his entire life was passed in Franklin township, where he arrived when fifteen years of age. He trav-

eled past the eightieth milestone on life's journey, passing away March 10, 1905, at the age of eighty years and nine months.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Lines were representatives of the oldest families of this locality, and they became widely known, and made many friends because of their excellent traits of character and genuine worth. They were honorable people, well liked by all; and when Mr. Lines was called from this life, the community mourned the loss of a prominent pioneer settler. He was thoroughly familiar with many of the incidents and events which have framed the history of this county, and was personally a witness of the work which transformed this section of the State into one of the finest counties of the great commonwealth.

AUGUST H. JOHNSON.

A REPRESENTATIVE and honored citizen of Mediapolis, Yellow Springs township, is August H. Johnson, who is a native of Sweden, born Dec. 9, 1847. He attended the common schools of Sweden for a short time, but was not privileged to go much after he was thirteen years old, so that his education is mostly from the broad school of experience and general reading.

His parents were industrious Swedish farmers, owning a good farm in the Fatherland, where their son, subject of this review, remained very contentedly helping with all of the farm work till he was about twenty years old. He then conceived the idea that the land beyond the sea afforded better facilities for progress, and he made preparations to leave



AUG. H. JOHNSON AND WIFE.

his home and come to America. Locating first near Burlington, Iowa, he worked for a time on a farm, afterward securing work as a grader for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, where he remained for six months.

In the following year he located in Mediapolis, and engaged in the stone-mason trade, at which he was exceedingly successful, doing a greater part of the stonework of the town and township. At the end of ten years he had made such advancement as to warrant his joining J. T. Lee in the erection of a large tile factory. The capacity of this factory was limited at first, and the partnership lasted only one year; then Mr. Lee sold out his interest to M. L. Heizer, with whom he worked the following three years. Mr. Johnson then bought the interest of Mr. Heizer, and has since continued alone. The plant has been greatly enlarged, having now a capacity of ten thousand three-inch tile, or ten thousand brick, per day. He has twelve thousand seven hundred and forty-four square feet of drying space, and can burn one hundred thousand brick or fifty thousand tile at one time. He manufactures all sizes of tile up to fifteen-inch, and his factory is said to be the largest in the county, giving employment to several men. Much of his tiling is shipped to various parts of the State, and thousands of feet of it are used by the farmers of the surrounding country.

On March 14, 1873, Mr. Johnson was married to Miss Augusta Nelson, a highly respected Swedish lady, who is a daughter of Mangrus Nelson, a native of Sweden. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are the parents of five children: Ella, Amanda, Esther, Martin, and Emanuel. They are

all at home with their parents except Ella, who has been in Chicago for the past five years. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are both consistent members of the Swedish Lutheran church, being active in all church and Sabbath-school work. In 1895 Mr. Johnson built his present large and commodious residence of brick, it being one of the most substantial homes in the village. It is located on one of the principal streets, and is a very pretty piece of architecture.

Mr. Johnson has always been a staunch Republican, and has taken much interest in the welfare of his party. This party recognized the executive ability of Mr. Johnson, and honored him by election to the city council for three terms, a position which he filled with much dignity and to the entire satisfaction of the city. He is a man who has risen step by step from a mere farmer-boy to be the owner and proprietor of a large tile factory. He has had no financial backing, and his great success in business is due to his own activity, energy, and uprightness. His friends are without number, and all accord him a man among men whom to know is to respect and admire.

CHARLES ARTHUR LANE.

CHARLES ARTHUR LANE is one of the industrious and enterprising young farmers of Yellow Springs township, where he was born July 8, 1873. His parents, John and Ann (Hutchcroft) Lane, were prosperous tillers of the soil of Des Moines county, where they enjoyed the good-will of all the people to a rare degree. Mrs. Lane belonged

to a well-known family who had settled in this part of the country at an early date, and who also did much toward the improvement of the township. Mrs. Lane died in the year 1902 at the age of sixty-five years. Mr. Lane is still living, and makes his home with his son Francis.

Our subject was educated in the district schools of his native township, and after putting his text-books aside, he assisted his father on the home farm for a number of years. Dec. 23, 1897, Mr. Lane was married to Miss Callie Stivers, a daughter of John and Sarah (Vandemark) Stivers. They have been blessed with three children, as follows: Ora, born July 14, 1899; Ethel, born Jan. 19, 1902; and John Everett, born Dec. 16, 1904. Several years after his marriage Mr. Lane purchased of Mr. Gottlieb Moehle a farm of eighty acres in Section 33, where he carries on general farming, and raises about thirty head of hogs and feeds about one car-load of cattle every year.

Politically, he is a Republican, but does not care for public recognition. He and his good wife are both respected members of the Methodist church, and the upright manner in which Mr. Lane has always conducted his business affairs has placed him before his friends and neighbors in a very favorable light. His great activity and integrity have brought him success in life in a very gratifying way, and there is certainly a bright future before him.

JOHN BEERE.

JOHN BEERE, who follows the occupation of farming, and has won a fair measure of success, owns and operates

about one hundred acres of land in Yellow Springs township. He was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan. 9, 1844, his parents being Charles and Ann (Ruthvan) Beere, who came to Des Moines county, Iowa, when their son John was only two years old. They settled in Franklin township, and he was reared upon his father's farm. Mr. Beere had followed cabinet-making in New York, having in early life learned that trade; but after his removal to the West, he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land in this county, and throughout his remaining days carried on general agricultural pursuits. He died in April, 1860, at the age of fifty years, and is still survived by his widow, who is now living in the home of J. B. Cline, in Mediapolis.

John Beere pursued his education in the district schools of Franklin township, and worked in the fields from an early age, becoming familiar with the best methods of caring for the crops and for the stock. He has always engaged in general farming since attaining man's estate, and in the spring of 1880 he purchased one hundred acres of land in Section 12, Yellow Springs township. Here he follows general farming, now feeding from thirty-five to forty head of cattle and about one hundred head of hogs each year. His place is well improved, all the result of his own efforts, except that a part of the house was standing when he took possession of the property, but this he has remodeled. He uses the latest improved machinery in carrying on the work of the fields, and everything about his place is neat and thrifty in appearance, while the work is carried on in a systematic, progressive manner.

Sept. 10, 1872, Mr. Beere was united in marriage to Miss Mary Eliza Kitchen, a daughter of Thomas and Mary (David) Kitchen, who was born in Burlington, Iowa, May 17, 1847. There is one daughter by this union, Susan, who was born Dec. 11, 1879, and is now the wife of Thomas Luckinbill, a resident of Northfield, Iowa.

Mr. Beere's study of the questions and issues of the day has led him to give his support to the men and measures of the Democracy, but at local elections where no issue is involved he votes independently, regarding only the capability of the candidate. He has served as road supervisor for two terms, but has never been active as an office seeker. He belongs to the Baptist church, and is a believer in all that is right and honorable in his relations with his fellow-men. His activity has been exerted along lines that have not only brought to him success but has also led to a character development that is worthy of emulation.

HENRY WUNNENBERG.

THAT the life of Henry Wunnenberg, of Benton township, illustrates a high and noble ideal of American manhood is due, in part, to a rigid discipline in the school of experience and honest labor during his early years, as well as to those personal characteristics which are peculiarly his own. Mr. Wunnenberg was born Sept. 3, 1855, in Benton township, and has claimed Des Moines county for his home throughout his entire life, being one of her native sons to whom she can always

point the finger of pride. He was the son of Henry and Amelia Wunnenberg.

Both parents of Mr. Wunnenberg were natives of Germany, and came to America in 1854. They located in Benton township, and on the third day after their arrival in the county bought a farm of forty acres. Under their skilful farming and careful management they prospered greatly, so that after a number of years, when the father sold this farm, he was able to buy a much larger farm, consisting of one hundred and twenty acres of rich farm land, and forty-five acres of timber, which is now the home farm.

Here Mr. Henry Wunnenberg, the father, lived, carrying on very successfully a general farming business, and stock-raising. He made this his home, and made all the improvements, until there were not many farms in the community better fitted with the comforts and conveniences to be found in modern farm homes. Mr. Wunnenberg was a devoted member of the German Lutheran church until the time of his death, which occurred on the home farm when he was seventy-nine years of age. He was a follower of the principles of the Democratic party, and was a faithful helper to the leaders of that party.

The mother died some fourteen years before the father. She was an earnest Christian woman, and a faithful member of the Evangelical church. She was the mother of eleven children, nine of whom are still living.

The subject of our review obtained his education in the common schools of Benton township, and assisted upon the home farm, remaining there until he was twenty-one years of age. After this he

worked by the month upon different neighboring farms till he was twenty-seven, when he went to farming for himself, renting for some years in Franklin township, then in Washington township, and finally coming to his present place twenty-two years ago. This is a fine, well-kept place of eighty-six acres, nearly all of which is under cultivation, and showing everywhere the thorough knowledge of farming and care of its owner. Besides this farm, Mr. Wunnenberg owns sixty-two acres of good land elsewhere in Benton township, some of which has already been improved. Mr. Wunnenberg has recently erected a large substantial two-story dwelling upon the place.

Mr. Wunnenberg early allied himself with the Democracy, believing its principles to be more consistent with American ideas of liberty and popular government than those of any other party. In religious matters he has affiliated himself with the Evangelical church, of whose teachings he is a follower.

In 1881 Mr. Wunnenberg was united in marriage to Miss Lydia A. Gieselman, daughter of Henry Gieselman, who was an early settler of Des Moines county. Mr. Gieselman formerly owned the place where our subject now resides. He was a man who was prominent in all local enterprises, and was respected by all who came in contact with him. He died at the age of seventy-seven years. His widow still resides on the old homestead of thirty acres in Benton township, one and a half miles west of Latty, with her son, Henry Gieselman.

Mrs. Wunnenberg, who was also a member of the Evangelical church, died in 1890, leaving behind her the five chil-

dren who were born to this union. These children were as follows: Ida, wife of Peter Smith, a farmer of Benton township, to whom has been born one child; Otto, who is married to Miss Anna Steffener, and resides at home; Frederick and Arthur, who live at home; and one child who died in infancy.

On April 20, 1892, Mr. Wunnenberg was again married, this time to Miss Elizabeth Wiegert, who was also a native of Benton township. To this union have been born four children: Goldie, Elsie, Esther, and Ernest, the latter of whom died in 1900.

Mrs. Wunnenberg is a member of the Evangelical church. She possesses those thrifty housewifely qualities which are so much needed to make a worthy helpmeet for a man whose success must come from tilling the soil to the best advantage.

Mr. Wunnenberg is a well-known citizen of Benton township. The circle of his acquaintance is wide, and co-extensive therewith is the circle of those who honor him for what he is.

ALBERT L. HAMILTON.

ALBERT L. HAMILTON, residing on one hundred and six acres in Section 26, Huron township, Des Moines county, is a son of one of the respected families of this county. He was born in Lee county, Iowa, March 19, 1857, and is a son of James and Margaret (Thomas) Hamilton. His father was born near Pittsburg, Pa., was married in Pennsylvania, and came to Iowa in 1855. They were the parents of six children: Elizabeth and

Anna died in infancy; William Alfred went to Arizona when thirty-two years of age, and was killed by the Apache Indians, who had gone on the war-path; Andrew lives in Des Moines county; Robert went to Washington in 1890, and was drowned at Portland, Ore.

The father of our subject enlisted in the Civil War in 1862, joining the Iowa Cavalry. He took part in a number of battles, and was taken prisoner, dying in Andersonville prison. Mrs. Hamilton lived in Des Moines county till 1883, when she went to Kansas, where she died Aug. 14, 1897, and is buried in Glen Elder, Kans.

Our subject was educated in the public schools of Des Moines county, and reared on his father's farm. He now carries on general farming, and raises thirty head of cattle and fifty head of fine hogs annually. Politically, he gives his allegiance to the Democratic party, and is ever ready to assist in all that will promote the general good of our country. He has acted as school director for two years, and is now road superintendent of Huron township.

May 28, 1883, Mr. Hamilton married Miss Barbara Eibes, daughter of Joseph and Barbara (Christ) Eibes. Mrs. Hamilton was born in Burlington, Iowa, Oct. 20, 1862. They have been blessed with two children of whom one is living: Anna Marie, born June 10, 1892, is at home; Albert Joseph, born July 24, 1897, died in infancy.

Mr. Eibes, father of Mrs. Hamilton, was born in Prussia, Germany, Dec. 20, 1825, and her mother was born in Switzerland, Feb. 2, 1835, and came to America in the spring of 1856, coming at once

to Burlington, Iowa. Mr. Eibes served in the Prussian army in 1848, and was honorably discharged at the close of the war. He came to America in 1854, and after spending one year in Louisville, Ky., came to Burlington, where he was married May 4, 1858.

Mr. and Mrs. Eibes have been blessed with six children: Catherine C., born Oct. 17, 1859, married Joseph Schier, Oct. 28, 1879, and died Feb. 1, 1904; Anna Marie, born Feb. 15, 1861, married Elias Ebert, June 14, 1880, and resides in Burlington, Iowa; Marie Louisa, born Dec. 28, 1864, is the wife of Michael Hellenenthal, whose sketch appears in this book on another page; John Joseph, born Aug. 23, 1872, is married and lives in Huron township; Charles, born Jan. 22, 1878, lives in Oskaloosa, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton are devoted members of St. Mary's church. They occupy a high position in public regard, and have many friends in business and social circles.

FRANK OSCAR JACKSON.

FRANK OSCAR JACKSON, one of the industrious farmers of Huron township, came to America in 1868, when a lad of six years, and by a continuous residence in Des Moines county has become well and favorably known. He is a son of Alfred and Christina (Pearson) Jackson, his birth having occurred in Sweden, Aug. 5, 1862. His father was born in Sweden in 1837, where he was a prosperous farmer. In 1861 he married Miss Christina Pearson, who was born in Sweden March 20, 1837. They were the parents of seven children: Frank Oscar,

born Aug. 5, 1862; Andrew Peter lives in Mediapolis, Iowa; Anna died when very young; John Victor also resides in Mediapolis; Ellen Caroline married Albert Jackson, of Huron township; Jacob Albert died when twenty years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson were both devoted members of the Swedish Lutheran church, and were active workers in the same. Mrs. Jackson died Feb. 22, 1905, and is buried in the Swedish Lutheran cemetery.

Our subject received his education in the district schools of Huron township, and was reared a farmer. He is carrying on his father's farm of fifty-nine acres in Section 26, Huron township, and also farms fifty-five acres outside of this.

March 1, 1893, Mr. Jackson married Miss Amanda Christina Swanson, daughter of August and Emma Christina Swanson. Mrs. Jackson's parents were born in Sweden, and came to America when very young. They were married in Benton township, Des Moines county, Iowa, where they own one hundred and fifty acres of good farm land. They are the parents of six children: Amanda Christina, wife of Mr. Jackson; John William, born Aug. 12, 1872, and lives with his parents; Carl Theodore, born Oct. 24, 1875, and died Nov. 6, 1894, and is buried in the Swedish Lutheran cemetery; Frank Oliver, born Oct. 17, 1877, is married, and living at home; Hilma Victoria, born March 3, 1880, married Charles Blomburg, and resides in Burlington, Iowa; Esther Elvira, born April 27, 1884, lives with parent.

Mrs. Swanson was one of the charter members of the Swedish Lutheran church, and died Nov. 30, 1903, and is buried in the cemetery of this church. Mr. Jackson is progressive and enterprising, and by close

attention to all the details of agriculture has won much success in business, and by his fair and manly dealings he has established a good reputation, and counts his friends by the hundreds.

JAMES HENRY SCHULZE.

JAMES HENRY SCHULZE was a man of high moral worth, of strong principles, and of deep sympathy, and the sterling traits of his character endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. He is a son of Henry and Anna Margaret Schulze, and was born in the province of Saxony, Germany, Feb. 12, 1837. After taking a course in the common schools in the place of his birth, he spent the time on his father's farm, carefully learning everything pertaining to the management and equipment of a good farm. In 1884 he crossed the great ocean, and landed in a new world, full of golden opportunities open to any and all who will but reach and grasp them. April 1, 1885, he bought seventy acres of good farm land in Flint River township, a little later added ten acres more to it, and in 1901 purchased an adjoining farm of two hundred and six acres, making in all about two hundred and eighty-four acres in Section 4. Mr. Schulze made great efforts to secure this much property, but was not destined to enjoy it long, for May 7, 1904, the grim messenger Death came for him at the age of sixty-seven years.

April 30, 1869, Mr. Schulze was married to Miss Doratha Harms, daughter of James and Catherine Mary (Schulze) Harms, who was born Feb. 25, 1842. This union was blessed with four children: Martha, born

May 24, 1870, at home with her mother; Alwine, born Aug. 28, 1874, died Aug. 17, 1884; Johannes, born June 23, 1877, and Albert, born Aug. 20, 1880, both at home.

Mr. Schulze was always a staunch Democrat, though he never held any office. Mrs. Schulze is a devoted and consistent member of the German Lutheran church, as was also her departed husband. He had been actively engaged in farming, and devoted much time to the raising of fine stock, and since his death Mrs. Schulze has tried to carry on the place much as her good husband did. She has sixty-three head of Hereford stock, twelve fine horses, and is able to ship about fifty fat hogs to the local markets annually. She and her children deserve much credit for their thrift, energy, and untiring efforts to succeed.

The memory of Mr. Schulze is held kindly in the hearts of all who knew him. He lived a life of harmony with the highest principles of manhood, was reliable in business, loyal in citizenship, and most faithful to the duties of friendship and of the home.

JOHN WILLIAM HARMS.

JOHN WILLIAM HARMS, of Burlington, Iowa, widely known as a practitioner of the healing art of wonderful skill, as well as one of the substantial land-owners of Des Moines county, was born in Amstetten, Germany, April 11, 1834, the son of Frederick and Margaret (Theilenger) Harms, and was educated in the schools of his native place. At the termination of his schooling, Mr. Harms was engaged in farming, and at the trades of shoemaking and butchering, which he learned. These occupations he

continued successfully until Nov. 24, 1867, when he came to America in search of the more abundant opportunities of the New World, and located in the city of Washington, where for a time he was in the employ of the Adams Express Company. Later he did shoemaking, then returning to his trade of butchering, to which he devoted himself until 1869.

At that time he decided to cast his lot with the West, and came to Burlington. During the first three years of his residence in Des Moines county he was in the employ of Mr. John Wright, a farmer, and the following three years he worked for Mr. Eli Wright; but in 1875, having accumulated a small capital by thrift and diligent application to duty, he purchased a tract of eight acres of fine farm land in Pleasant Grove township, and thereafter devoted his whole effort to independent agricultural operations. In this venture he met with such success that he was afterward able to increase his holdings largely. The farm now comprises one hundred and twenty acres, where general farming and stock-raising are carried on, besides the operation of a large and valuable stone quarry located on the land, in which Mr. Harms has four men constantly employed, and which of itself yields him a very handsome revenue.

In addition to his farm work, Mr. Harms early became deeply interested in the treatment of disease by the method of massage and hypnotic suggestion, and by hard and patient study obtained a remarkable insight into the interplay of the human mind and the forces of the physical system. This led him naturally to a practical use of his knowledge, and he soon performed a number of complete cures in cases which physicians had pronounced hopeless. In conse-

quence his practice rapidly grew to such great proportions that he was constrained to abandon all other duties, and in 1904 he removed to Burlington, as a central point, to give his time exclusively to the relief of human suffering. Selfish motives have never played a part in shaping his decisions, and no one appeals to him in vain. He gives his best efforts to the relief of the poor in distress, without hope of reward, and in many cases where it is absolutely certain that no return can be forthcoming except the approval of conscience. Hundreds of the afflicted have availed themselves of his ministrations, and many difficult and apparently desperate cases have been the occasions of his complete triumph over disease. His practice is drawn from a vast expanse of territory, throughout which his name and the fame of his work are universally known and appreciated as the prophecy of a new era in human history.

In Germany, on May 16, 1862, Mr. Harms wedded Miss Annie Fox, daughter of Frank and Anna (Rader) Fox, and to them have been born six children, as follows: Frederick, who died at the age of two and one-half years; Mary, wife of Henry Coldway, now a resident of Mount Union; William, who also died at the age of two and a half years; Henry, who has charge of the home farm; John, who died at the age of nine months; and George, associated with Henry in his work of the farm.

Mr. Harms's political affiliation has always been with the Republican party, of whose principles he became a supporter upon his first settlement in America, but he has never cared for the honor of public office, preferring to give his time and thought to scientific studies and research. In 1902 he was graduated from the Institute

of Science, of Rochester, N. Y., in hypnotism and magnetic healing, and the previous year was graduated from Professor Rozenburg's Institute, of Glandorf, Ohio.

He is a faithful worker, and very prominent member of the Lutheran church, which he served as trustee for the long period of fifteen years. A man of absolutely unblemished character, distinguished ability, and marked attainments, his standing in the community is in all respects enviable, and as a courageous pioneer in an almost untried field of effort and usefulness, he deserves every encouragement and all praise.

DR. WILLIAM H. RYUN.

DR. WILLIAM H. RYUN, whose skill as a specialist in the cure of cancerous diseases has gained him a most extended and well-merited reputation, was born in Wayne county, Iowa, Feb. 5, 1861, his parents being John M. and Polly (Clarke) Ryun. His paternal grandfather, Benjamin Ryun, was born in Fayette county, Ohio, in 1785, and died in 1870, while his wife passed away in 1833,—the year celebrated because of the great shower of falling stars,—at the age of thirty-five years.

J. M. Ryun was born in Fayette county, Ohio, in 1821, was reared to the occupation of farming, and followed that pursuit throughout his active business career. He came to the West in 1849, settling for three years in Davis county, Iowa. He afterward lived for forty years in Wayne county, Iowa, where he followed the occupation of farming, and on the expiration of that period he removed to Republican City, Nebr., where he lived retired until his death,

which occurred in 1900. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, and in his life exemplified the beneficent spirit of the order. In his political views he was a stalwart Democrat, and served as school director, road trustee, supervisor, and in other local offices. His Christian faith was evidenced by his membership for a period of forty years in the Methodist church, in which he served as steward, while in the various activities of the church he took a helpful part.

He was married to Miss Polly Clarke, who was born May 10, 1822, in Fayette county, Ohio, and spent her girlhood days there, giving her hand in marriage to Mr. Ryun in July, 1840. She still survives her husband, and now at the advanced age of eighty-three years is able to sew and read. She also attends the services of the Methodist church, of which she has been a member since thirteen years of age. She makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Dawson. In the family were ten children, all of whom reached adult age, namely: Sarah, the wife of Daniel Williams, a resident of Republican City, Nebr.; Benjamin F., who married Elizabeth Cook, and is also living in Republican City; David C., who wedded Susanna Hidee, and resides at Gravotte, Ark.; Polly A., the wife of Jacob Burley, of Missouri; Nancy J., who became the wife of James Cook, and died about twelve years ago; Elvira, the wife of William Dawson, died in 1877; Amos L., who married Miss Livingston, and resides at Republican City, Nebr.; W. H., of this review; Lenora Dean, the wife of Silas Burley, of Wayne county, Iowa; and Ida, the wife of William Dawson, of Mount Pleasant, Iowa, who was formerly the husband of her sister Elvira.

Dr. Ryun acquired his education in the public schools of his native county, and through the summer months assisted in the work of his father's farm, whereon he remained until twenty-one years of age. Before leaving the farm he had become interested in the subject of the cure of cancer, and had carried forward his investigations to a considerable extent along that line. He became imbued with a strong desire to alleviate the suffering caused from this trouble, and even before he left the farm he began removing cancers by means of outward application. After leaving the parental roof he practiced in Wayne county for eight years, and then went to Nebraska, where he remained for eighteen months. In 1890 he located at 506 Clay Street, Mount Pleasant, in the old Leonard Farr home, where he made many improvements and additions, transforming the place into a beautiful residence and hospital.

Nov. 1, 1905, however, he removed to Burlington, Iowa, and located at 213 Polk Street, on Prospect Hill, in order that he might have a more central location and be more easily reached by his many patients coming from a distance. Also, in order to accommodate those from the South and West, he has opened a branch office in St. Louis, where he spends a part of his time.

Throughout all these years Dr. Ryun has carried forward his studies concerning cancerous growths and their cure, and has gained that knowledge and understanding which always rewards patient, persevering effort. His labors have been attended with gratifying success when viewed from a professional standpoint, and his services have been sought by people from all sections of the country, a fact which indicates that his fame has spread abroad as the re-

sult of the remarkable cures that he has effected.

Oct. 15, 1884, Dr. Ryun was married to Miss Rosa Hoaglin, a daughter of John, Jr., and Caroline (Webb) Hoaglin. She was born Nov. 1, 1865, in Salina, Jefferson county, Iowa. Her father, a native of New York City, was born Jan. 1, 1808, and was a son of John Hoaglin, a shipbuilder of the Eastern metropolis. John Hoaglin, Jr., however, was left an orphan at a very early age, after which he was bound out. He left the East, however, when seventeen years of age, and eventually became a merchant in St. Louis, Mo., and afterward in Salina, Iowa, where he remained for thirty-six years. He then took up his abode in Fairfield, where he was also identified with business pursuits, but he is now living retired in Mount Pleasant, at the present time making his home with Mrs. Ryun, at the advanced age of ninety-six years. He has led an earnest Christian life, holding membership originally with the Methodist and later with the Congregational church. His political allegiance is given to the Democracy. He is undoubtedly one of the oldest men of the county, and is still hale and hearty, although for the past six years he has been blind.

Mrs. Hoaglin died in 1895, at the age of sixty-three years. She was a native of Nashville, Tenn., born in 1832, and by her marriage had a family of thirteen children, eight of whom are yet living: G. S., who married Miss Minnie McCosh, and resides in Oregon; A. B., who wedded Miss Anna Hildebrand, by whom he has three sons, their home being in Idaho; J. L., who married Miss Lizzie McDorman, and resides in Mount Pleasant, Iowa; H. A., of Salt Lake, Utah, who married Miss Anna Snook,

and has two children; C. F., who wedded Miss Melissa Boley, by whom he has eight children, and makes his home at Hillsboro, Henry county, Iowa; Mrs. Ryun; Della, the wife of William Swaine, of Lucas, Iowa, by whom she has three children; and Rosa, the wife of William H. Ryun, a resident of Burlington.

Dr. and Mrs. Ryun have had one child, Lester, who was born Sept. 26, 1885, but lived for only six weeks. They now have an adopted son, Merrill, seven years of age, who has been with them since early infancy. The doctor is a stanch Prohibitionist in his political affiliation, being in hearty sympathy with the temperance cause; and fraternally he is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen. His life has been devoted to his profession, and he has had a wonderful practice, in which he has been very successful, his patients coming to him from all parts of this country and Canada. He is a gentleman of pleasant disposition and genial manner, of upright life and genuine personal worth. Both he and his wife possess scholarly tastes, devoting much time to reading, and a retentive memory enables them to assimilate what they read, thus broadening their knowledge and enriching their conversation.

HUGH HARVEY MARTIN.

AMONG the time-honored citizens, and one who has been engaged in agriculture for many years in Yellow Springs township, we mention the name of Hugh Harvey Martin, who may justly claim to be not only an old resident, but one of the most successful men of this town-

ship. He is a son of William and Jane (Harvey) Martin, and was born in County Down, Ireland, March 13, 1854. His education was acquired in the place of his birth, and when seventeen years of age he crossed the great Atlantic and settled in Yellow Springs township, where he worked by the month on a farm in the summer-time and during the winter months attended the public schools. He continued working by the month till 1884, when he took unto himself a wife and rented a farm. His marriage to Miss Nancy Anna Hensleigh, a daughter of William and Susan (Wilson) Hensleigh, whose record may be read on another page in this review, occurred in 1884. She was born in Yellow Springs township, on the place where they now live, Feb. 1, 1862, and has been a continuous resident of the township ever since.

As the years have passed, Mr. and Mrs. Martin have had eight children added unto them as follows: Ola Blanche, born Oct. 20, 1885; Martha Pearl, born Nov. 22, 1887; William French, born Nov. 1, 1889; Susanna Jeannetta, born March 20, 1892; James Alonzo, born Jan. 11, 1894; Ellis Elizabeth, born Sept. 26, 1896; Anna May, born Dec. 25, 1898; and Emma, Agnes, born Feb. 26, 1904. The above-named children received good educations in the district schools, and all reside with their parents.

Mr. Martin's father died in Ireland in 1860, and his mother brought her six surviving children to America in 1875. Those living are: James; Martha, married John Allen, and resides in Nebraska; Mary, is Mrs. Charles Childers, also of Nebraska; Agnes, lives in Nebraska, and is the wife of John Martin; and Hugh

Harvey, of this review. The names of those dead are: Jane and William, died in Ireland; and Elizabeth, died in America. The mother of our subject made her home with the subject of this review for some years prior to her death, which occurred in 1895.

In 1886 Mr. Martin bought a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Section 16, which is now all under fine cultivation, on which he does general farming, and raises some seventy-five head of hogs and feeds two car-loads of cattle annually. He has since also added one hundred and twenty acres adjoining his place on the north, which is also under his personal supervision.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin are members of the United Presbyterian church. He has never sought public office of any kind, preferring to devote his entire energies to the cultivation of his farm, which is finely improved with all necessary buildings. He is an enterprising and successful agriculturist, is genial and cordial in disposition, upright in his dealings, and enjoys the confidence and respect of the community generally.

HENRY J. LUECKING.

NUMBERED among the most substantial and progressive farmers of Flint River township, Des Moines county, Iowa, is Henry Luecking, residing on his valuable farm of one hundred and eighty-five acres in Section 8, where he has erected a large and handsome frame dwelling and many modern buildings, and conducts general farming and the

raising of fine stock. Mr. Luecking is a native of Germany, having been born in Prussia, May 26, 1849. He emigrated to America with his parents in 1854, making a voyage eight weeks in duration, and landing at New Orleans, whence they traveled by river to Iowa, and located in Des Moines county. Here the father purchased a farm of forty acres in Flint River township, to which he added until his holdings amounted to one hundred acres, making his home there until his death, March 5, 1898, at the age of eighty-four years and some months. His own death had been preceded ten years by that of his wife, who died Feb. 12, 1888, aged sixty-seven years and four months. Of the six children born to them only two are now living.

The elder Luecking was in his political faith a Democrat, holding strongly to the tenets of that party, and his religious connection was with the Evangelical Lutheran church. He was a man of ability, being quite successful as a farmer.

Mr. Luecking received his education in the public schools of this township and in the German subscription schools. When he was about twenty-six years of age, he purchased his present farm, and at once devoted himself to the task of its improvement. This project he has carried out along the most modern and approved lines, and with eminent success, making it one of the model farms of Flint River township.

On July 1, 1875, he wedded Miss Hannah Schwartz, daughter of Henry Schwartz. Mr. Schwartz, who is a native of Germany, came to the United States at an early date (about 1857 or 1858), and located in Franklin township, this

county, where he farmed for several years, and where his death occurred in 1875, in the fifty-second year of his age. He is survived by his widow (who is eighty years old at this writing), who still lives on the home farm in Franklin township, and by six children, there being one deceased.

To Mr. and Mrs. Luecking have been born eight children, as follows: Annie, married William Flachmann, March 24, 1898, and has one child, Ralph; Bertha, married Henry Gueldenhaar, of Flint River township, Oct. 12, 1899, and has one child, Walter; Clara, married Arthur Sarmann, Flint River township, April 23, 1902, and has one child, Irwin; Elsie, at home; Walter, died June 20, 1892, aged four years and nine months; and Herman, Arthur, and Sadie, who are at home with Mr. and Mrs. Luecking.

Politically, Mr. Luecking is a member of the Democracy, in whose principles he is a thoroughgoing believer, although he is not especially active in public affairs, preferring to devote his attention principally to private business as the field of endeavor for which he considers himself best fitted; and certainly the event has justified his choice, for he has accomplished much, and assumed a position among the property interests of his community which is truly enviable. During his entire life he has been identified with the Evangelical church, in which he is a prominent worker, and for the past twenty years has acted as one of its trustees—a long period of useful service, which speaks much for his practical ability and his zeal in behalf of a good cause. He enjoys great popularity among his immediate neighbors, and is widely acquainted throughout Des Moines county.

**ANDREW FREDERICK
GUSTAFSON.**

THE subject of this sketch has achieved success entirely by his own efforts, and reared for himself a noble edifice of reputation. *Mr. Gustafson is one of the many men of Swedish birth to whose native thrift and practical common sense Des Moines county owes so much of her present prosperity.

Andrew Gustafson was born in Yonkoppings Lan, Smoland, Sweden, on April 20, 1839, the son of Gustave and Lena (Magnison) Peterson. At that time there were no public schools in that part of Sweden, and as his father was unable to employ a private tutor, all the education he received was what he obtained at the parochial school, and what he was able to gather by himself. He was brought up a farmer, and has always preferred that occupation to any other.

When he was about twenty-nine years of age he became convinced that the New World offered better inducements to him, not only in better prospects of financial success, but also in better educational and social advantages for his family. Accordingly he came to America June 22, 1868, coming by way of New York directly to Burlington, Iowa. He began work there as a section hand for the Burlington & Missouri Railroad Company, working there for two years.

During this time, by careful economy and thrifty ways, he had saved enough so that he came to Huron township and bought a farm of twenty acres in Section 21, from James Rankin. He lived there for seven years, then sold that farm and purchased forty acres in Section 28,

Huron township, where he now resides. To this he has since added another forty acres. He has cleared and stumped the land, brought it all under cultivation, built a comfortable house and a good barn, and improved the farm from time to time in many ways, as occasion arose, till he now has a comfortable home on one of the best-kept modern farms in the township. The land is well adapted to the business of general farming and stock-raising that he carries on.

Mr. Gustafson was united in marriage before leaving Sweden, his wife being Miss Hannah Johnson, to whom he was wedded on May 25, 1868. She was the daughter of John and Magdalena (Johanson) Johnson, and her natal day was May 12, 1833. To this union were born four children, of whom one son and one daughter are now living. The children were: Wilhemenia W., born June 24, 1867, died at the age of nine months; Carl Frederick, born May 25, 1870, also died at the age of nine months; Amanda G., born Jan. 21, 1872; and Herman G., born June 23, 1874. Amanda and Herman received their education in the public schools of Huron township, and now live at home with their parents. The son supplemented the education which he received in the district schools with a course of one term in Elliott's Business college, of Burlington.

Mr. Gustafson and his family are active members of the Swedish Lutheran church, faithful in their observance of its teachings, and loyally supporting all its benevolences. They have ever exhibited a praiseworthy devotion to all worthy causes, and are valued factors in the social life of the community. In the at-

tainment of his present prosperous estate. Mr. Gustafson has had many obstacles to overcome, and what he has accomplished has been done without assistance, being entirely the result of his own force of character, so that he is fully deserving of that old but expressive title of self-made man. These facts in his career have made him many admirers, while his genial disposition and integrity in his dealings have won for him the general respect and a large number of sincere friends.

ALBERT RAUHAUS.

ALBERT RAUHAUS, who is engaged in farming on Sections 18 and 19, Huron township, where he owns two hundred and forty acres of land, was born in Alsace-Lorraine, then a part of France, May 10, 1856, his parents being Herman and Magdalena Rauhaus. The father was a toolmaker by trade, and in 1867 he brought his family to America, reaching this country in August. Albert Rauhaus was then eleven years of age. The family located first in Peoria, Ill., and afterward in Fort Wayne, Ind., where the son completed his education in the public schools. He has always followed the occupation of farming, and the success he has achieved has been gained entirely in this way. His methods are practical and progressive, and in all his work he is systematic and industrious. He came to Des Moines county in February, 1903, from the vicinity of Muscatine, Iowa, and here purchased two hundred and forty acres of land from Wilson Williams. This is located on Sections 18 and 19, Huron

township, and constitutes a valuable property. Already he has made considerable changes in the appearance of the place, his fields being well tilled, while to some extent he has tilled the land. He has also built a new corn-crib, and is now erecting a large barn, thirty-four by forty feet. Everything about the place is kept in good repair, and already the farm is yielding to him a good income.

On April, 30, 1882, Mr. Rauhaus was married to, Miss Catherine Conrad, a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Somers) Conrad, a native of Lee, Ind., born March 5, 1846. They have become the parents of seven children: William, born Nov. 2, 1883; Herman, May 30, 1885; Emma, Feb. 19, 1887; Otto, March 14, 1889; George, Aug. 18, 1892; Eli Albert, Nov. 18, 1894; and Bertha Catharine, Dec. 30, 1899.

Mr. Rauhaus is a member of the Apostolic German church, and holds the office of secretary of this religious organization. He is a man firm in his beliefs and true to his convictions.

JACOB L. LEHMANN.

THE name of Lehmann is one that has long been identified with the business and musical circles of Burlington, Iowa, and in both of these the subject of the present review is proving his right to an increasing measure of consideration. Mr. Lehmann was born in Burlington Sept. 4, 1868, a son of Joseph and Mary (Follard) Lehmann, and the family in America was founded by his grandfather, who was a resident of Baden-Baden, Germany, where he was a

musician, and whence he came to the United States about the year 1855. The grandfather is now deceased, having died at the age of seventy-two years. The father of Mr. Lehmann, also now deceased, was by trade a cigarmaker, and was a musician and composer of talent. He never published his compositions, and thus never became known to the general public, but as a musical performer and director attained a large local popularity, being the director of Lehmann's band and orchestra in Burlington, which he always maintained at a high standard of efficiency, and with which he visited many surrounding towns and cities, everywhere gaining great praise. He is survived by his widow, now residing in Burlington, and they were the parents of nine children, as follows: Joseph, who died in boyhood; Louisa; Emma, widow of Charles Behrens; Charles; Leopold, now deceased; Mary, wife of Anton Grothe; Jacob L., our subject; Bertha, wife of Andrew Follard; and Edward Henry.

Mr. Lehmann was educated in the Catholic parochial school and in the public schools of Burlington, and his musical training began at a very early age, he playing in his father's orchestra at the age of seven years, and ever afterward continuing one of its members. As a means of livelihood, he learned the trade of house-painting, which he followed for a period of nine or ten years, and subsequently traveled extensively as a musician in theatrical and circus companies, visiting in this capacity the leading cities and towns of a large part of the country, and playing every sort of musical instrument. Among the organizations with which he was connected may be mentioned the McIntyre & Heath Minstrels, the Weber Comedy Company, and a Duck, Dog, and Poultry Show,

and Andrews & Shomes's Circus. During the last two years he has been proprietor and manager of a progressive confectionery establishment and news-stand on Eighth Street, Burlington, in the conduct of which his wide popularity, combined with diligent and careful management, has brought him excellent success.

Mr. Lehmann and his brother Charles are proprietors of Lehmann's Orchestra, which they took under their charge at their father's death, and of which Mr. Lehmann had been director prior to that time. His efforts have won for the orchestra a still greater measure of public favor than it formerly enjoyed, and its merits are widely recognized. For two years he was, in addition, musical director at Ferris Wheel Park, in Burlington, and for one year at Ebner's Park. May 26, 1888, he wedded Miss Mary Ohle, a native of Halmstad, Sweden, whence at two years of age she came to America with her father, Louis Ohle, of Schleswig-Holstein, and her mother, Sophie Ohle, who was born at Halmstadt. The father of Mrs. Lehmann died after his removal to America, but the mother survives, and is a resident of this city. Mr. Lehmann is a gifted composer, and has published several works that have attained genuine popularity, among them the "Blue Label March," "McKinley's Funeral March," the waltz, entitled "I Am a Buffalo," a two-step published by Lyon & Healy, of Chicago, entitled "South Carolina Sunshine," and "Ione," a march and two-step. Unpublished pieces are: "So Lovely Waltzes," a march, entitled "Robert J.," "Chicago Blonde Two-step." Thus musical and business activity have absorbed his most earnest thought, although he makes a study of public questions. He has not, however, allied himself with any political

party, but acts independently in the exercise of his duty as an elector, casting his ballot for good government, as he personally conceives it. Fraternally, he has been a member of the Knights of the Maccabees, in which he was a valued worker, and his social connections are numerous and pleasant, for he has earned the esteem and regard of all with whom he has come in contact.

H. J. TACKENBERG.

A FINE representative of the younger generation of business men of Mediapolis is H. J. Tackenberg, who is a native of Des Moines county, being born in Benton township Dec. 19, 1871. It was in the district schools of his township that our subject first learned reading, writing, and the rule of three, or more commonly speaking, to cipher.

His parents, Henry and Alvina (Coutz) Tackenberg, were prominent and prosperous farmers of Des Moines county, and it was upon their beautiful place that their son H. J. spent his time till he was twenty-three years of age. In 1894 he decided that he would prefer city life to that of one in rural districts, and engaged as a carpenter in the building department of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. He remained with that road till 1903, during which time he assisted in the erection of many large buildings and stations.

He then made another change in his business, being able at this time, through his own efforts, to branch out for himself, buying out the livery stable of W. S. McCray, of Mediapolis. Disposing of all

the old material, he added new and modern vehicles and a fine stock of horses, and conducted this place alone with much profit and success till Feb. 1, 1905, when he entered into partnership with E. M. Colby. They had one of the neatest and best stables in the county until their partnership dissolution June 1, 1905, when Mr. Tackenberg bought out his partner's interest, and is now conducting the business alone. He does nearly all the livery business of the town, and though he began with but ten buggies and twelve horses, his trade has increased to such an extent that he is now on the lookout for more horses and vehicles.

Mr. Tackenberg was married Jan. 18, 1893, his wife being, in maidenhood, Miss Anna M. Schuler, one of Des Moines county's noble daughters, whose parents were Joseph and Mary (Myers) Schuler. They are the parents of a bright and promising daughter, Esther, whose birth occurred in Mediapolis, March 12, 1894. She is now a student in the grammar schools of her home place. Politically, Mr. Tackenberg is a stalwart Republican, but has never been one to ask favors at the hands of his chosen party. He is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen of Burlington, Iowa, and also a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Mediapolis.

He is deeply interested in everything pertaining to public progress and improvement. His business interests have been so capably conducted that success has attended his labors, and he well merits the prosperity that has come to him, and the approval of his fellow-men, and is well worthy of representation in this work.

HUGH C. GETTY.

A SUCCESSFUL career has been that of Hugh C. Getty, now located as a clerk in a store in Winchester, Kans. He was born Dec. 22, 1864, on his father's farm in Benton township. His parents, Robert and Eliza (La Monte) Getty, are both natives of County Derry, Ireland. They were married in Philadelphia, and also lived in Baltimore for many years. After coming to Iowa he owned and farmed one hundred and eighty-eight acres as long as he was able, during that time serving as justice of the peace for sixteen years, and then made his home with a son in Winchester, Kans., where the father died Jan. 30, 1899. He had made some five trips to Ireland, and was widely known in this part of the county as public spirited and very patriotic.

Mr. and Mrs. Getty were the parents of seven children: Maggie, married the Rev. J. W. Dill, of Clarinda, Iowa; Robert J., married Miss Ida Van Arnum, and has charge of the stock on the fourth floor at Schramm's store; Anna, married C. R. Dill, of Oakland, Cal.; Sarah L., wife of Dr. S. M. McLain, lives in Cleveland, Ohio; James N., deceased, whose widow occupies the home farm; Hugh C., of this review; Mary, wife of A. O. Carson, resides in Kansas.

Mr. Getty lived on the home farm till 1898, when he had an attack of the Western fever. He first went to the Klondike, later to Seattle, Wash., and finally settled in Winchester, Kans., where he worked for a mercantile company for some years. He was the administrator of his brother's estate in Des Moines County, Iowa, and did some farming there, but returned to Winchester, Kans., where he has interests.

He has always taken an active part in politics, and has given his hearty support and co-operation to the Republican party, serving in several of the minor offices of the township. He is enterprising and public-spirited, always ready to lend his aid toward movements which have for their end the welfare of the community; and should he contemplate moving West permanently he will be greatly missed by his friends.

FRANCIS CRANDALL THORNTON.

FRANCIS C. THORNTON, one of the better-known of the rising young farmers of Huron township, belongs to the number of the bright and earnest young men who believe in doing things, and are always ready to help forward any worthy enterprise. He is one of the native sons of the township of whom the community may well be proud. He was born on the farm on which he now lives, July 28, 1874, the son of Abel Leonard Crandall Thornton and Cecilia Aramantha (Fletcher) Thornton.

The father was a native of Canada, being born near Toronto, Jan. 2, 1830, but coming with his parents to Illinois when very young. The mother was born in Green county, Ohio, Sept. 18, 1834, and came with her parents to Illinois in 1841. They were united in the holy bonds of matrimony and were the parents of seven sons and two daughters, of whom five sons are still living. The children were as follows: Clarence, born Oct. 19, 1856, died in infancy; Charles H., born Feb. 12, 1858, died when twelve years old; Brooks F., born Nov. 29, 1859, now living in

Iowa; Mortimer A., born Aug. 12, 1861, now living in Monmouth, Ill.; Lulu I., born July 4, 1865, died at the age of twenty-six years; Alma R., born June 2, 1868, died when eight years of age; Joseph A., born Feb. 4, 1871, residing at the present time near Seaton, Mercer county, Ill.; Francis C., born July 28, 1874, the subject of this review; and John W., born June 21, 1876.

The father and mother came to Des Moines county, Iowa, the same year that they were married, and bought a farm of eighty acres in Section 26, Huron township, the same farm that is now the home farm on which our subject resides. This farm is well suited to stock-raising and general farming, and on it the parents lived and reared their family to fill honored places in the world. Here the father died on the fifth of March, 1900, and he lies buried in Dolbey cemetery, in this township. The mother is still living, and makes her home in a comfortable little cottage on the farm, preferring this independent life to that of a life in the homes of any of her children.

Francis Crandall Thornton was raised on this farm, receiving his education in the public schools of the township, and learning from early boyhood the practical lessons of farm life. He was united in marriage on Feb. 22, 1899, to Miss Elizabeth Morgan, daughter of Charles Franklin and Barbara (Deebold) Morgan. She was one of five children, as follows: Jerome B., born Oct. 11, 1879, is a graduate of the Agricultural College at Fort Collins, Colo., and now makes his home in Colorado; Elizabeth, is the wife of our subject; Edward Elliott, born in August, 1881, a graduate of Keokuk Medical Col-

lege, and now engaged in practice at North Henderson, Ill.; Della Parmelia, born Sept. 22, 1883, and Frank Jacob, born May 15, 1886, both now at home with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan have a fine farm of one hundred acres in Grove township, Mercer county, Ill.

To Mr. and Mrs. Thornton two daughters have been born: Mabel Margaret, born Feb. 2, 1901, and Barbara Lucile, born Feb. 11, 1903. Mr. and Mrs. Thornton are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which they give their loyal support, assisting in its benevolences and promoting its work in all ways possible. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, Kingston Camp, No. 5756, and has acted as adviser and escort for a number of years. His political allegiance is given to the Republican party, and he has ever been progressive and loyal in citizenship, desiring the greatest good for the greatest number. He and his estimable wife have a charming home, where their open hospitality, and cordial, genial ways have always drawn around them warm-hearted friends, and in turn they are greatly attached to their friends and neighbors. All who know them desire for them many years of happiness, filled with service to their family and the community, and crowned by the greatest of success.

JOS. VOELKEL.

Jos. VOELKEL, whose life history is an illustration of the opportunity that is afforded to young men of enterprise and energy in America, and who has worked his way upward from a humble financial posi-

tion to one of affluence, being now proprietor of a jewelry store in Burlington, was born in Winschburg, in Prussia, Germany, Nov. 23, 1854. He is a son of Carl and Hannah (Harcig) Voelkel, who were also natives of Prussia, and spent their entire lives in their native land. The father, who was born in 1814, died in 1895, but the mother is still living, at the ripe old age of eighty-five years.

Jos. Voelkel pursued his education in the public schools and a business college of Prussia, and when thirteen years of age began learning the jeweler's trade, serving a regular apprenticeship of four years, at the end of which time he received a certificate stating that he was a first-class workman in every department of the trade. He then began working as a journeyman. When twenty-nine years of age he obtained a position in Burlington, Iowa, entering the employ of T. H. Walden, a jeweler, with whom he remained for eleven years. The capital he acquired through his industry and economy was then used in the purchase of a stock of goods, and he began business on his own account on Jefferson Street, in the same block in which he has since conducted business. From the beginning he has prospered, and he now has a large and growing trade. He carries a full line of high-grade jewelry, and also does a general repair business, and his straightforward policy and earnest desire to please has secured him a very desirable patronage.

On the 15th of January, 1891, Mr. Voelkel was married to Miss Mary Halbeg, a daughter of Lewis and Christiana (Scharf) Halbeg, both of whom have now passed away, the father having died in 1871, while the mother's death occurred in 1895. He was a government official of Germany, occupy-

ing a life position in the courts of that country. He was at one time a soldier of the German army, and it was subsequent to this time that he was assigned to this court position. Mrs. Voelkel was born in Germany, in the same locality in which her husband's birth occurred, and in Burlington they were married. They are prominent socially among the German-American citizens of Burlington, and Mr. Voelkel is particularly well known in musical circles. He belongs to the Turners' Singing Society, and for fifteen years has been its director. Fraternally, he is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and in former years he gave his political support to the Democracy. He now votes independently, however, and cast his last presidential ballot for Theodore Roosevelt. His has been an honorable and upright life, and his business success, his prominence in musical circles, and his popularity among his friends, entitle him to mention among the representative citizens of Burlington.

DAVID WILLSON

THE whole career, both business and social, of Mr. Willson serves as a model to the young and an inspiration to the aged. He sheds a brightness around everything with which he comes in contact. By his usefulness and general benevolence he creates a memory whose perpetuation does not depend upon brick or stone, but upon the free-will offering of a grateful and enlightened people. Much of the prosperity of Yellow Springs township is due to the good judgment of this worthy pioneer, who is now on the shady side of life.

Mr. Willson was born Nov. 16, 1825, in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. His father was born in 1791 and his mother in 1798. They were blessed with a large family of eleven children, of which the subject of this review is the third. The children, and dates of birth, are as follows: Moses, Jan. 17, 1820; Maria, 1822; David, 1825; Sarah, 1827; James, 1829; Casandra, 1832; Rebecca, 1834; Sidney, 1840; John Knox, 1842; Isaac, 1837; an infant son, deceased.

We doubt if the county can boast of another family record equal to this grand one. In April, 1855, this worthy couple left Pittsburg and brought their children to Iowa, coming direct to Burlington. They made the trip by boat, much to the delight of the young people, and were about two weeks in making the trip. They came to Mediapolis, where they tarried for a year, and then located in Yellow Springs township, where they bought a fine farm of two hundred acres. Having been a thrifty farmer in the East, he was well equal to the burdens of one in this part of the Hawkeye State. After living in the county for twenty years Mr. Willson was called to join the silent majority, and the noble woman who filled every position that falls to the lot of a wife and mother in a manner that reflected the highest credit on womanhood, passed to her final reward five years later, dying in 1880.

David Willson was reared upon the home farm, and received a fair common-school education. He has always been fond of reading, and thus has continually broadened his knowledge. He never looked upon the world from a narrow or contracted standpoint, but was ever a gentleman of strong humanitarian principles, of wide sympathy, and upright life. He continued to assist his father in the operation of the home

farm till after he reached his majority, when he felt he had best make a direct start for himself. When his father passed away, the home farm was divided, and Mr. Willson retained eighty acres of the old original place in Section 16. He has carried on agricultural pursuits most successfully, and the stock which he raises yields a neat profit.

Until the last three years he has cast his vote with the Republican party, but now supports the Democratic party. He has held the office of road supervisor for thirty-two years, and acted as secretary of the school board for thirty-five years, a longer term of office than has ever been held by one man in the county.

On Dec. 13, 1850, Mr. Willson joined heart and hand with Miss Mary Jane McKinley, and for over fifty-five years they have traveled the rugged path of life together. It is true that all of this time has not been one continuous round of sunshine, but they have lived each day by itself, and have met the trials and pleasures of married life with great Christian fortitude. It is rarely we find a couple who are permitted to bask in the sunshine of each other's love for more than fifty years, and the writer is almost at a loss to find words to express the beauty of character of this worthy couple, who are exerting such an influence for all that stands for truth, morality, and purity, and who seem to be growing in grace day by day. Surely, when they are called up yonder, it will only be a step from earth to heaven. Mr. and Mrs. Willson have had three children, two of whom still live: Ellen Bell, who became the wife of Henry Paul, and died in 1903, leaving two children, Roy M. and Frank M.; George McKinley, resides in Morning Sun; and David, engaged in the hardware business in Mediapolis.

Many years ago they became members of the Presbyterian church, and here, too, they have made records of devotion surpassed by few. They have always lived under the conviction that material blessings were most fittingly used when a generous portion was converted into spiritual wealth by investing it in the saving of the souls of men.

One of the characteristics of this family on both sides is that in the married lives of their parents they never had a cross word; and the fifty years of this couple's married life, like that of their parents before them, have been passed in a Christian manner, and never marred by cross words.

WILLIAM HENRY BAILEY.

Of the more successful and better-known farmers of Des Moines county, a worthy representative is William H. Bailey, now residing on his large and well-kept farm in Huron township. Mr. Bailey was born on March 24, 1858, in Orange county, Missouri, the son of John and Martha (Fausett) Bailey. When he was but three years old, his parents removed to Henderson county, Illinois. After living in that locality for two years the family made another change, this time to the vicinity of Keithsburg, Ill., where the father rented a farm on which the family remained for a period of seventeen years. At the expiration of this time the family moved to New Boston, which was the home for the ensuing twelve years.

Mr. Bailey gained his early knowledge of books in the public schools of Mercer county, Illinois, receiving a good common-school education, and learning the principles and methods of agriculture on his

father's farm in the meantime. Being thus brought up with a thorough knowledge of farming, he has always followed that vocation. He commenced farming for himself when he was twenty-one years of age, his first independent venture being when he rented four hundred eighty acres of land from Mrs. Thompson. That this venture was a success is proved by the fact that he remained on this place continuously from 1879 till 1893.

In the latter year his father came to Des Moines county and bought a farm of one hundred twenty acres in Section 26, and Mr. Bailey rented this farm and lived there for the following six years. He then bought land for himself, buying eighty acres in Huron township, from Charles Fowler, forty acres of which are in Section 25, and forty in Section 30. This proved to be such a paying investment that at the end of three years he sold the eighty-acre farm, and was enabled to purchase one hundred forty acres in Section 26, where he now makes his home. This last tract he bought from Clarence and Clark Loper. It is rich, fertile land, well adapted to general farming and stock-raising.

Mr. Bailey has, by the application of energy, perseverance, and sound judgment, greatly improved the place, introducing new methods and apparatus, and making it in many respects a model farm, whether considered with regard to appearance, convenience, or producing power. In the stock-raising branch of his business he makes a specialty of Poland China hogs, raising about seventy head annually.

During his residence in Mercer county, Illinois, Mr. Bailey was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Catherine Hinson, on Dec. 2, 1886. he was the daughter of Garret and

Eva (Bunton) Hinson, and was born in Ross county, Ohio, on Feb. 15, 1862. Her father, Garret Hinson, was also a native of Ross county, Ohio, being born there on March 21, 1821, but eventually making his home in Kingston, Benton township, in this county.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bailey have been born four children, two of whom died in infancy. The two living are Hazel Leonora and Eva Marie.

Mr. Bailey, as an extensive reader, careful thinker, and active business man, has manifested considerable interest in public affairs; and believing it the duty of every citizen to serve the community in which he lives in any way that he may be called upon for the public good, has acted as public-school director for three years. Fraternally, he is well known, being a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. He has always shown himself ready to accept any duty or to support any movement calculated to advance the general welfare. He is a man of great force of character, is possessed of much business ability, has been very successful in the conduct of his affairs, and enjoys the universal respect of his friends and acquaintances throughout the township in which he resides.

ELISHA DOWNER.

ELISHA DOWNER, who has always been interested in farming, was born in Stark county, Ohio, Jan. 27, 1850, his parents being George Washington and Eliza (Goliday) Downer. In 1855 the father came with his family to Des Moines county, locating one mile east of North-

field on the property now owned by August Anderson. He had there eighty acres of prairie land, and he also owned forty acres of timber land farther south. Upon the farm he resided until 1860, when he removed to Louisa county, Iowa, where he rented land for one year, and then purchased ninety-seven acres at Northfield, remaining thereon for seven years. He next removed to the vicinity of Newport, Louisa county, where he became owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land, while two years later he bought four hundred acres on Iowa River, and lived upon the latter farm for six years. He then returned to Des Moines county, where he bought one hundred and eighty-two acres, but made his home in Northfield, where his death occurred Sept. 28, 1892, when he was seventy-eight years of age.

He had long survived his wife, who died July 22, 1874, when sixty-two years of age. His life had been characterized by industry and enterprise, and by a strong determination which enabled him to overcome the difficulties and obstacles in his path, and work his way upward to success. In his family were eight children: Charles W., who died in infancy; Clinton H., who died in 1860, at the age of nineteen years; Benson F., who follows farming in Nebraska; George W., also a resident farmer of Nebraska; Elisha; Anna, the wife of E. Hutchcroft, of Mediapolis; Almira, also living in Mediapolis; and Amanda, the wife of John Herman, of the same place.

Elisha Downer was but five years of age when brought by his parents to Iowa. The following year he began his education in one of the log schoolhouses com-

mon in pioneer districts, school being conducted on the subscription plan. Later he was a public-school student, and acquired a fair knowledge of the English branches of learning which qualify one for the transaction of business and for meeting the responsible duties of later life. He has always engaged in farming, remaining at home until twenty-six years of age, after which he was employed at farm labor in the neighborhood for several years. He was thirty-five years of age when he first became owner of property, purchasing a part of his father's farm. He also bought two hundred and twenty-six acres of land at Elrick Junction, but afterward sold that property. He then bought one hundred and fifty-one acres adjoining Kossuth, which he later sold, removing at that time to Nebraska, where he purchased a section of land; but when two years had passed, he disposed of his property there, and returned to Des Moines county. He then purchased ten acres in Kossuth, and also a farm of seventy acres at Northfield, which he still owns. This, in brief, has been the extent of his business operations, but it tells little of the earnest labor, indefatigable industry, and perseverance which Mr. Downer has ever displayed in conducting his business affairs, and which have been the strong force in winning his success.

Oct. 7, 1883, Mr. Downer was united in marriage to Miss Addie Ann Hannan, a daughter of Henry W. and Anna (Bowen) Hannan. This union has been blessed with two daughters, Eliza Anna and Eva, the latter at home and the former the wife of Arthur Corn.

In his political views Mr. Downer is an

earnest Republican, and at one time was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, joining the lodge at Morning Sun. He is now living in Kossuth in practical retirement from labor, although he gives personal supervision to his farm. In his life record the value of industry and enterprise are proved, for his history shows what may be accomplished by one who starting out in life without capital, makes the most of his opportunities, and thereby works his way upward to success.

LOUIS F. KREKEL.

MR. KREKEL, well known as a successful farmer, fruit grower and wine merchant, was born at the old family home in Burlington township Sept. 25, 1860, a son of Jacob and Wilhelmina (Fabian) Krekel, and for his early education is indebted to the district schools of his native place. Having been reared as a farmer, he has always followed that occupation, and in addition he has for the last two years been engaged in business as a wine merchant in connection with farming. The business is conducted at his farm, which is part of the land originally purchased by his father from Mr. Otto. The tract comprises thirty-five acres, all very productive, which he devotes to the culture of fruit, vegetables, and berries, and by good management, united with scientific methods, he secures each year a very handsome return for his labor and supervision. More and more the farmers of this section are coming to appreciate the importance of fruit growing, and in

this movement Mr. Krekel has for a long time been one of the most conspicuous leaders, thus doing much to educate the public to the great resources of Des Moines county as a producing center of prime importance.

Mr. Krekel has been twice married, first on April 17, 1884, to Miss Christina Meek, daughter of Jacob Meek, by whom he had four children: Fabian, born Jan. 15, 1885; August, born Jan. 29, 1888; Louis, born Dec. 1, 1890; and Fred, born Aug. 17, 1891. The death of the mother of this family occurred Aug. 20, 1892. On Sept. 7, 1893, our subject was united in marriage to Miss Wilhelmina Glaser, daughter of Christian and Catherine (Schulenburg) Glaser. Mr. and Mrs. Krekel are the parents of six children, as follows: Bertha, born Dec. 4, 1895; Edward, born Dec. 20, 1897; Albert, born March 17, 1899; Walter, born April 20, 1901; Charles, born Sept. 8, 1903; and Edith, born Jan. 22, 1905.

On his farm Mr. Krekel has made many improvements, devoting much time and money to the object of bringing it to its present perfection, and besides erecting a large new barn has made substantial additions to the house, thus rendering it one of the most comfortable and homelike to be found in the township. All of the fruit trees, berry bushes, and vines are of his own planting, and have amply rewarded him for the great and painstaking care bestowed upon the cultivation.

Mr. Krekel's connection with public life is through the Democratic party, of which he is a well-known member. In 1894 he received appointment to the office of supervisor of highways, and on the ex-

piration of his term was nominated and elected to the same position, and later re-elected, serving in all five years, during which time he performed much useful and highly necessary service, for no one realizes more thoroughly than does he the importance of good roads in a farming community. His place in the esteem of all who know him is an enviable one, for in addition to being eminently successful in a material way, his friends are many and loyal.

SAMUEL SENTI.

IN taking up the personal history of Samuel Senti, now living in Burlington, we present to our readers the life record of one of Switzerland's native sons, but whose residence in Iowa covers a long period. He was born in Switzerland, Nov. 21, 1828. His parents were Samuel and Louisa (Anhorn) Senti, and were also of Swiss origin. Our subject was reared in Switzerland, and attended the public schools there, and later was a teacher in these schools for four years. Like many other active and aspiring young men, he was anxious to see something beyond his home land, and in 1865 decided to cross the Atlantic. The ship known as the "Saxony" landed him in New York in about twelve days, when Mr. Senti at once prepared to come West, and reached Burlington in May, where he immediately bought sixty-five acres of land from Mr. Patterson. This farm joined that of Jacob Scholer, whose sketch also appears in this work, and also joined Crapo Park. This park is located at the south end of Main Street. At the time of this purchase farm land in that locality was in a very rough

condition, much of it being covered with brush and old stumps, so that it required much time as well as money to prepare the ground for farm purposes. To-day this same farm lies in the city limits, and contains several orchards, but the greater portion of it is a beautiful vineyard, which Mr. Senti's son cares for, and from which he makes some eighty barrels of wine annually. This wine is the pure grape juice, being used by many families in the city as a beverage and for medical purposes.

In October, 1855, Mr. Senti married Miss Anna Marie Johanna, daughter of Andrew and Ersie (Martha) Johanna. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Senti have been born three children: Samuel, a farmer in Union township. His first wife was Miss Anna Paula, who left three children: Jacob, Bertha, and Emma. Andrew Senti died July 26, 1902, aged forty-two years and three months, leaving a widow, who was formerly Miss Emma Swartz, and four children: Anna, Helen, Oscar, and Samuel. Mary (Mrs. Charles Black). Mrs. Black was first married to Adolph Kurlie, by whom she has three children: Nettie, aged ten years; Wesley; William Jacob; and Meyer, aged six years. Mr. Black was also previously married to Miss Libbie Rose, daughter of Benjamin and Harriet (Gillespie) Rose, by whom he had two children: Virgie Virginia, aged ten years; and Benjamin, aged seven years.

Mr. Senti, though now a man of nearly eighty years, is still active, and is enjoying the fruits of his hard labor.

As a citizen, he is as true as when he followed the old flag in beautiful Switzerland, and throughout his entire record he has manifested many traits of character that are worthy of emulation.

ANDREW SENTI.

ANDREW SENTI resided in Burlington, from the age of five years till his death. Throughout his business career he operated a fine vineyard, making wine or selling grapes, his activity, energy, and perseverance being the foundation upon which he builded his success. In all his dealings he was strictly honorable, never taking advantage of the necessities of his fellow-men, and left behind him an untarnished name.

He was the son of Samuel and Anna Marie (Johanna) Senti, and was born in Switzerland, Feb. 7, 1860. As he was very young when he came to America with his parents, his knowledge of his birthplace was very limited. He acquired the English language in the public schools of Burlington, which he attended. His father, whose sketch appears in this work, purchased a farm south of town, and Andrew lived with him, growing to manhood on the farm, and which he worked till his death. On Nov. 20, 1888, Mr. Senti married Miss Emma Schwartz, whose birth occurred in Burlington, Iowa. Her parents, David and Christina (Morlock) Schwartz, were among the early settlers of this city, coming in 1849.

Mr. Schwartz was always a farmer and fruit-raiser. His life was comparatively short, being only thirty-eight years old at the time of his death, which occurred in 1871. Mrs. Schwartz was born in 1836, and married Gotlieb Scheihing for her second husband, who died in 1886. She now lives at 2218 South Main Street.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Senti were born four children: Samuel J., born Oct. 9, 1889; Emma Christina, born May 27, 1891; Oscar A., born Dec. 20, 1893; and Helen Elizabeth, born Sept. 3, 1897. They all live with

their widowed mother on South Main Street. Mr. Senti died July 26, 1902, aged forty-two years. He gave his political allegiance to the Democratic party, being always interested in everything for the good of the city. He was a member of the Zion Evangelical church, and his life was in consistent harmony with his profession. He was a man of industrious habits, gifted with enterprise, and his labors brought him prosperity. Being truly devoted to his family and friends, his loss was deeply regretted when he was called from this life. Mrs. Senti still conducts the business at the old homestead, and is thus enabled to support the family.

THEODORE BINDER.

THE name of Theodore Binder is well known throughout Burlington, where he serves hundreds of people with good pure milk, and is also much respected in Flint River township, where he resides. He is a son of Joseph and Augusta (Roe) Binder, and was born in the city of Burlington, Iowa, June 4, 1869. His father is one of the highly respected and honored pioneers of Des Moines county, who always transacted his business with the greatest care and uprightness, and was never known to do any man an injury. A complete record of our subject's father may be found elsewhere in this book, as may also the record of his brother Joseph.

Theodore Binder is the fourth son, having five brothers and one sister. They are as follows: Charles J., a butcher on Central Avenue, in Burlington; Edward J., a baker on North Sixth Street, in the same city; Joseph G., the dairyman, on Mt. Pleasant

road; Mary, is the wife of William Warth, a gardener of South Summer Street, and lives in Burlington; Herman, owns a farm near Latty, Iowa; August, is a machinist in the shops at West Burlington.

After Theodore finished his education, which was acquired in the German Lutheran school of his native city, he learned to be a farmer and dairyman upon his father's place. When he became of age, he began to work and farm for himself, and at once started a dairy on his own responsibility. He now has over fifty cows, a number of good horses, and one of the largest list of customers of any of the dairymen of Burlington. His work is hard, and necessitates the closest of application and a generous supply of patience. He runs one wagon, and is able to do his own delivering, which is largely the secret of his success in business.

The improvements on the farm are good and substantial, and everything pertaining to the dairy presents a clean and neat appearance. Politically, Mr. Binder votes independently, and in this, as well as in all other matters, exercises good judgment.

June 11, 1895, Mr. Binder married Miss Caroline Schoekopf, who is a daughter of Joseph and Caroline (Schuler) Schoekopf. She was born in Wittenberg, Germany, Oct. 21, 1875, coming to America with her parents when she was five years old. Mr. and Mrs. Schoekopf first located in Montrose, Iowa, and later moved to Donaldson, Iowa, where they now reside on a farm. They have one hundred and twenty acres of land in Lee county, and belong to the well-to-do and respected families of that section. Mrs. Binder received her education in the district schools in Donaldson.

Two children have blessed the happy

union of Mr. and Mrs. Binder: Albert, born in 1896; and Harry, born June 18, 1904.

Mr. Binder and his wife are earnest and devoted members of the German Lutheran church. Although Mr. Binder is yet a young man, still he possesses a strong individuality, and is also a man of the strongest convictions. He has often won friends by standing out alone and single-handed in business matters in which he felt he was right. With all the sterling qualities of ability and worth which Mr. Binder possesses, together with his open and frank manner, great success is bound to come in the future, as in the past, and his friends will keep on multiplying.

JOSEPH EIBES.

JOSEPH EIBES, who owns and operates eighty-three acres of land on Section 35, Huron township, was born in Burlington, Iowa, Aug. 23, 1872, and is a son of Joseph and Barbara (Christ) Eibes. The father was born on the Rhine in Prussia, Germany, Dec. 10, 1825, and his parents were Nicholas and Catherine (Tison) Eibes.

Joseph Eibes, Sr., acquired his education in the public schools of his native land, and there learned the blacksmith's trade, at which he served an apprenticeship of three and a half years. His father was a farmer, and with the exception of the period spent at the forge he, too, always followed agricultural pursuits in his native land.

He came to America in June, 1854, landing at New York, whence he made his way direct to Louisville, Ky., where

he began working at day labor. He continued in that city for seven months, and then made his way by river to St. Louis, Mo., from thence coming to Burlington. In the latter city he began working for Harvey Ray, of the firm of Ray & Parkerson, plow manufacturers. He entered his service as a blacksmith, and worked in the shop for twenty-four years, after which he removed to Huron township and purchased a farm of one hundred and ninety-four acres on Sections 35 and 36. He still resides upon that place, and for many years was actively engaged in general farming, but now largely leaves the labors of the fields to others.

Joseph Eibes, Sr., was married May 4, 1857, in Burlington, to Miss Barbara Christ, a daughter of John and Anna Mary (Mosher) Christ. She was born in Switzerland, Feb. 2, 1836, and by her marriage became the mother of six children: Katherine, born Oct. 17, 1859, was married Oct. 28, 1880, to Joseph Shier, and died Feb. 1, 1904, her remains being interred in the Sacred Heart cemetery, in Burlington; Anna, born Oct. 17, 1861, is the wife of Elias Ebert, a resident of Burlington; Mary Barbara, who was born Oct. 20, 1862, is the wife of Albert Hamilton, a resident of Huron township; Mary Louise, born Dec. 28, 1864, is the wife of Michael Hellenthal, of Huron township; Joseph is the next of the family; Carl, born Jan. 22, 1877, is a brakeman on the Iowa Central Railroad, living in Oscaloosa, Iowa. The parents are members of the Catholic church, and in his political views Mr. Eibes is a stanch Democrat. He and his wife belong to St. Mary's church in Benton township.

Joseph Eibes, Jr., whose name intro-

duces this review, spent the first seven years of his life in the city of Burlington, and then removed with his parents to the farm in Huron township. He acquired his education in Kingston. He was reared to agricultural pursuits, and has seen no reason to change his mode of life, finding that the care of his farm makes continuous demands upon his time and energies, and calls forth all of his business powers in its capable management. He purchased eighty-three acres of land on Section 35, Huron township.

Mr. Eibes was married April 29, 1897, at St. Mary's church in Benton township, to Clementine Panther, who was born Feb. 22, 1876, in that township. Her parents were Ferdinand and Amelia (Troup) Panther, both natives of Baden, Germany, the mother born March 13, 1833, and the father April 15, 1832. About 1853 they made arrangements to leave their native land, and sailed for New York, whence they went at once to Wilkesbarre, Pa., where they lived for fifteen years. On the expiration of that period they came to Burlington, Iowa, and soon afterward took up their abode on a farm near Middletown. Several years later they settled at Sperry, Iowa, and after five years purchased one hundred and six acres of land in Benton township, Des Moines county, developing there a good farm. They were the parents of eleven children: Theodore, who died in infancy; Theodore (2d); Elizabeth; Ferdinand; Lena, who died at the age of fourteen years; Emma; Henry; John; Julia, who died at the age of seven years; and Rose, who died at the age of five years.

The home of Joseph and Clementine Eibes was blessed with five children:

Amelia Barbara, born April 18, 1898; Ferdinand Joseph, born June 15, 1899; Johnny, born Jan. 19, 1901, died Jan. 25, 1905, his remains being interred in St. Mary's Catholic cemetery in Benton township; William John, born June 23, 1903; and Ester Marie, born April 22, 1905. The parents are members of St. Mary's Catholic church, and in that faith are rearing their family. They have always resided in this county, and in his life Mr. Eibes displays the sterling characteristics of his German ancestry.

CHRIST LUCAS.

THERE is no name in Flint River township which carries with it more of integrity, of uprightness, of earnest citizenship, or calls forth more universal expressions of regard, than that of Christ Lucas, now one of the oldest male residents of the valley. He was born in Prussia, Germany, Dec. 18, 1826. He remained in his father's home till he received his education in the public schools. In 1866 he came to America, living in Burlington, Iowa, for two years, where he was employed on the construction of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad bridge. He worked the next year for Jerome Boeck, whose farm then was a part of what is now Crapo Park. In 1868 he bought one hundred and thirty acres in Section 11, where his son, Fred William, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume, resides. He also owns twenty-nine acres in Section 11, on which he makes his home. He has always been



CHRIST LUCAS AND WIFE.

a very active man in all the work of the place, but as he is now in his eightieth year, he has somewhat retired from the more laborious work, and is enjoying his well-spent time of the past. When Mr. Lucas purchased this land it was all wild and unbroken, but to-day he has a large part of it under cultivation, and has placed modern and convenient buildings upon it, including a fine barn, thirty by fifty feet, which was built in 1880. He has witnessed many changes in his neighborhood. In his early days there were no direct roads to the city, no bridges to speak of,—the streams and creeks having to be forded,—and no station near-by. To-day the roads are in good condition, strong bridges in evidence everywhere, railroads close at hand, and telephone connections to all parts of the valley and city, and pleasant neighbors within short distance.

Oct. 6, 1851, Mr. Lucas was married, in Germany, to Miss Mary Scholtz, daughter of Henrick and Margaretta (Bauer) Scholtz. They are the parents of three children: Fred W.; Henry, who went away from home in 1887, and has not been heard from since; and Dora, the wife of Louis Kotlitz, of Chicago. Politically, our subject votes for the man he likes best. How truly it has been exemplified in his case that "God helps those who help themselves." Whatever of virtue in the character of Mr. Lucas, whatever of quality in his living, has been directly founded upon traits inherited from an ancestry rich in the virtues of patriotism, loyalty, steadfastness, and principle. One of the greatest pleasures he enjoys is visiting with the old-time friends, and quietly reviewing the events of forty

years ago, most of the actors in which have nearly all preceded this good old gentleman to the life beyond.

JOSEPH BINDER.

THERE is no one in Flint River township better known, or more highly esteemed and respected, than Joseph Binder. His life of over fifty years in the county has been quiet and retiring, yet his every act has been well and carefully directed, and his great success in business is entirely the result of his energy, ambition, and a strong determination to live each day in a moral and upright way.

Joseph Binder was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, Aug. 24, 1831, and is a son of John and Catherine (Heinzman) Binder. His mother died when Mr. Binder was but two years of age, leaving two sons to the tender mercies of the world, one of whom has since passed away. The father was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, in 1802, where he learned the trade of a stone-mason, which, together with farming, he carried on with signal success for many years. He lived to enjoy eighty-two years of life, and passed away in 1884.

Our subject received his education in the common schools of Germany, after which he remained on his father's farm, taking a man's place in the regular work. Believing that he might have better business opportunities, and that the reward of labor was more sure in the New World, he made arrangements to leave the Fatherland, and in 1854, embarked for America on a sailing vessel which was

forty-two days in making the harbor of New York. His point of destination was Burlington, Iowa, and it took him nearly another month to reach it, as means of travel in those times were not as well perfected as at the present.

When Mr. Binder reached Burlington he was in possession of just fifty cents, which he at once invested in an ax, and began to chop wood at seventy-five cents a cord. He was thus engaged in the winter time, working for various farmers during the summer months, for his first seven years in America. At the end of this period his labor had yielded him sufficient means to buy a dairy, and renting the farm owned by Shepherd Leffler, he formed a partnership with John Boesch. This firm continued for eleven years, with increasing success. In 1872 they sold the dairy to Mr. A. Hacker, when Mr. Binder came to town and built a substantial and comfortable brick house on North Eighth Street. During his two-years' residence in the city he was engaged in teaming, and then he went back to his first love,—the dairy business,—buying a great number of cows from Mr. Swan, and renting from him forty acres of land in Flint River township. At the end of two years he had all of his stock paid for, and was enabled to buy this forty-acre piece of land, which he farmed, raising all of the feed for his cows, at the same time renting pasture land from the railroad company. As time advanced Mr. Binder built up a large and flourishing dairy business, and continued to operate the same for twenty years. This made a record for him of thirty-one years as a dairyman, the longest probably of any one man in the county.

On Nov. 19, 1861, Mr. Binder was united in marriage with Miss Augusta Rose, daughter of Carl and Caroline (Thache) Rose. Her parents were both natives of Germany, the father's birth occurring in 1820, and the mother's in 1813. In the old country Mr. Rose was a blacksmith. He had three daughters, two of whom he brought to America in 1858, coming by way of New York. Augusta is the wife of our subject. Ernestine first married to A. Sleeter, who died; later she married A. Hacker, the dairyman. Mrs. Hacker passed away in 1890, leaving four Sleeter children, and five Hacker children. Amelia Rose married a Mr. Brache, and resides in Germany. Mr. Rose settled in the Walker settlement, where he farmed; later he moved to Nauvoo, Ill., where he lived retired, and died in 1897.

As the time advanced, nine children were ushered into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Binder, seven of whom are now living in or near Burlington, and all are a great credit to their parents. Carl J. is a butcher on Central Avenue; Edward J., a baker on North Sixth Street; Joseph, Jr., on Mt. Pleasant road, and Theodore, located on Agency St., are both dairymen; Mary, the only daughter, married William H. Warth, a gardener on Summer Street; Herman farms near Latty; August is a machinist in the shops at West Burlington. The sketches of several of these children appear in this book.

Besides the above-named children, Mr. and Mrs. Binder have sixteen grandchildren to brighten their declining days, and take great pleasure in having one or more with them all the time.

Mrs. Binder has long been a devoted member of the Evangelical church. After

selling their dairy and forty acres to their son Joseph, Mr. and Mrs. Binder purchased a pretty cottage with eleven acres on the Mt. Pleasant road, where they both enjoy raising their own vegetables.

Here Mr. Binder lives retired, enjoying many comforts with his worthy wife. He has always been a Democrat, but forming great admiration for Abraham Lincoln, he cast his first presidential vote for the young statesman. It is seldom one succeeds better than Mr. Binder, for in addition to his cosy home he owns fifty acres of pasture land in Flint River township, and four good and substantial tenant houses in the city of Burlington. It is rare we find a happier or more contented couple. Their journey through life has not been one of continuous sunshine, but they have made the best alike of joys and sorrows, firmly believing that man is largely responsible for his good in life. They have performed well their part in life, and are far beyond all need of praise. Their lives surely must be a great stimulus not only to their children, but to all of their hundreds of friends throughout the county.

JOSEPH G. BINDER.

It gives us great pleasure to present the life record of Joseph G. Binder, of Flint River township, who now resides on the farm where his parents resided for over twenty years, being engaged in the dairy business. Joseph G. is the third son of Joseph and Augusta (Rose) Binder, and was born in Burlington township Aug. 18, 1867. His father belongs to that class of good old German stock

which commands universal esteem and respect. His sketch will be found on another page in this volume, as will also the record of Theodore Binder, brother of our subject.

Joseph received his education in the district schools in Flint River township, and in the German Lutheran school known as Klines School. He remained on his father's farm, assisting in the dairy work till he was about twenty-six years of age. He then purchased thirty acres of land in the same neighborhood, and started a dairy of his own. Later he bought thirty acres of land across the road from his first purchase, and when his father retired from the dairy business, about 1892, Mr. Binder bought the old home, which consisted of forty acres of good land having a modern and comfortable house, and a barn suitable for dairy work.

Since then Mr. Binder has added another large barn and a convenient granary. He has over eighty cows, twelve head of fine horses, and a good grade of hogs, raising all the necessary feed for his stock. He runs one milk wagon, and has one of the best routes in the city. Besides the beautiful home above mentioned, Mr. Binder has a nice tenement house in the city of Burlington.

June 22, 1882, the wedding of Joseph G. Binder and Miss Bertha Gantz was solemnized. Mrs. Binder is a daughter of Henry and Mary (Matlender) Gantz, and was born Sept. 11, 1874. Mr. and Mrs. Gantz are both natives of Burlington, the former being born Aug. 18, 1853, and the latter May 16, 1863. They reside on a fruit farm of ten acres in Flint River

township, on Vogt Street, just off of Sunnyside Avenue. Mr. Gantz is a Democrat, but not an active politician. He and Mrs. Gantz are faithful members of the St. John's Catholic church. They have had seven children, as follows: Lydia, married Richard Krueger, of Burlington, and died in 1895; Edward is the husband of Lottie Dankwardt, and lives in West Burlington, where Mr. Dankwardt works in the shops; Joseph is a collar-maker in Burlington, Iowa, and married Miss Anna Leichenberg; Oscar died when eighteen years of age; Tracy married August Binder, brother of our subject, who is a machinist in West Burlington; George lives with his parents in the winter, and stays with his sister, Mrs. Joseph Binder, during the summer months.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Binder have been born four children: Walter, born June 7, 1883; Harry, born Sept. 30, 1887, died in September, 1888; Arthur, born March 31, 1901; Catherine, born March 30, 1902. Mr. Binder is a staunch Democrat, and was for a time road supervisor of the township; but having so much business of his own to look after, he was compelled to give up this office.

Great energy and activity have always characterized the life of Mr. Binder. Promptness seems to have been part of his religion, and he has ever adhered to upright and honorable principles in all business transactions. He is justly proud to relate that he is a self-made man, and that all of his possessions are the result of the honest labor of his willing hands. His friends throughout the county are legion, and hold Mr. Binder in the highest regard.

WILLIAM HELT.

THE entire life of William Helt has been spent in Augusta township. As a farmer he has given the strength of his manhood and intelligence to the agricultural supremacy of this section of the State. He is numbered among the native sons, his birth having occurred in the house where he now lives, in Section 13, Sept. 15, 1876. He is a son of Nicholas and Margaret (Schulteis) Helt, who were both born in Germany, and came to America in early pioneer times, locating on Section 13, Augusta township. His parents are still living, and their sketch will be found elsewhere in this volume.

Our subject was reared and educated in his native township, attending the district school in his vicinity, where by industry and close application he acquired a substantial education. After leaving school he began the life of a farmer, remaining on his father's place, where he received a thorough training in all the ways and means calculated to bring success and independence to the industrious tiller of the soil.

When our subject was twenty-six years of age he took unto himself a wife to share his joys and griefs. The wedding was celebrated in Union township, Dec. 31, 1902. The bride was in maidenhood, Miss Bertha L. Miller, daughter of John W. and Anna (Gougler) Miller, and was born and raised in Union township. As the years have come and gone two children have been added to this household, Milo Nicholas, and Edgar John.

Mr. and Mrs. Helt attend and support the Methodist church. Politically, he is a Republican, and though of strong con-

victions, and a willing promoter of this party, yet he has never aspired to any office. He cast his first presidential vote for William McKinley, in 1900. Mr. Helt is at present farming some two hundred and fifty acres of land, and also raises considerable fine stock, which yields him annually a neat sum. He takes a great deal of interest in all matters of value to the township, and is regarded as an enterprising citizen, and one who has fully performed his share in the material advancement of agricultural and industrial interests of the county.

WILLIAM AUGUST GENG.

WILLIAM AUGUST GENG, engaged in the saloon business in West Burlington, was born in this city, Sept. 7, 1876, and is a son of John and Constantine (Miller) Geng. The father, a native of Germany, came to America soon after his marriage, making his way direct to Burlington, where he engaged in the brewing business, his time and attention being thus occupied until about 1890, when he began the business of retailing wines and liquors in connection with his son William. They have since conducted a saloon, and are now located at the corner of West Burlington Avenue and Mount Pleasant Street, in West Burlington, and have a large patronage, which makes their business profitable. In his political views John Geng is independent, nor has he ever sought or desired office. Unto him and his wife were born four children, namely: August William, Henry, Mary, and William A.

William August Geng began his educa-

tion, at the usual age, in the public schools, and continued his studies until fourteen years of age, when he put aside his textbooks and joined his father in a partnership which has since been maintained with mutual pleasure and profit. They have conducted their saloon since 1891 at the place that they now occupy, and are well known to the business men of that section of the city.

William A. Geng was married Oct. 16, 1904, to Miss Catharine Eichler, a daughter of John Eichler, a resident of West Burlington, where Mr. and Mrs. Geng now make their home.

GUST FREEBURG.

AMONG those who have come from foreign lands to become prominent in business circles in Mediapolis is Gust Freeburg, who for twelve years has resided in this city, and is now one of the leading contractors of stone-work here. His enterprise and progressive spirit have made him a typical American in every sense of the word, and he therefore well deserves mention in this work.

Mr. Freeburg was born in Ester Yetland, Sweden, March 27, 1844, and is a son of John and Inga (Johnson) Freeburg. He was reared on his father's farm, and obtained his education in the common schools of his birthplace. Soon after his school work was finished, he became an apprentice of a prominent stonemason near his home, with whom he served a number of years till he mastered the trade.

When about twenty-four years old he

came to America, thinking there would be a broader field for his business and more chances of advancement. He came direct to the State of Iowa, and located in Huron township, where he farmed and worked at his trade for some twenty years. Eleven years of the twenty were spent with William Harper, with whom Mr. Freeburg learned many of the ways and customs of his new home.

In 1892 he gave up farming, and located in Mediapolis, buying the pretty home where he has lived ever since. He contracts for stone, concrete, and brick-work, being one of the most competent and experienced mechanics in this line in the village. Years ago he used to do nearly all of his work with stone, but to-day finds him as actively engaged in concrete, cement, and brick-work. The handiwork of Mr. Freeburg is found everywhere in Mediapolis,—on the large business houses, private residences, and upon the numerous walks scattered throughout the town. His work in all branches, is first class in every respect, and will stand the test of time.

March 8, 1876, Mr. Freeburg was married to Miss Hannah Davis, who was a daughter of John Davis. The father of Mrs. Davis was a soldier in the Civil War.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeburg were the parents of one child, Temerick, who died when only three months old. Mrs. Freeburg passed away Oct. 23, 1896, and is buried in the Swedish cemetery east of Kossuth, beside her baby boy. Mr. Freeburg is a member of the Swedish Lutheran church, of which he has been one of the trustees for a number of years. Politically, he is an ardent Republican and

takes much pleasure in the promotion of his party, but in local matters votes independently. In 1897 he was elected as city councilman, and served the people in this capacity with great satisfaction for one term. What Mr. Freeburg is to-day is the result of his own efforts, for he began in the world with nothing but his own energy and willing hands to aid him; and by constant exertion, associated with good judgment, he has raised himself to the creditable position he now holds among the people of the community, where he commands the respect of all.

JOHN JOHNSON CARNEGIE.

JOHN JOHNSON CARNEGIE, now deceased, was a leading farmer of Huron township for many years. He was born in Kentucky, Jan. 5, 1825, and was a son of James Carnegie. Leaving his native State he came to Illinois, becoming a resident of Mercer county, where for many years he followed farming. In 1881 he removed to Des Moines county, Iowa, where he purchased of J. H. Hedges, of Mediapolis, a valuable farm of one hundred and eighty acres, to the further cultivation and improvement of which he directed his energies. He also engaged in the raising of cattle, hogs, and horses, keeping about ten head of horses upon his place, and about forty head of hogs of the Poland China and Duroc breeds. Whatever he undertook he carried forward to successful completion, and his business success was the direct result of his earnest and indefatigable labor.

Mr. Carnegie was twice married. He first wedded Miss Mary Haven, and they

became the parents of nine children: Ross, James, Emerilla, John, Eldora, Julia Ester, Rebecca Ann, Hattie, and Garrett. On March 26, 1873, Mr. Carnegie was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Robinson, a daughter of William Robinson. She was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, Jan. 16, 1852, and became a resident of Missouri when twenty-one years of age, in which State she was married. She accompanied her husband to Illinois, after which they removed to Iowa. They became the parents of three children: Charles E., who was born in Illinois, June 30, 1877, married Ellen Ping; Nora Maria, born March 9, 1879, and Walter H., born Feb. 1, 1886, are both at home.

The death of Mr. Carnegie occurred Jan. 9, 1901, when he had reached the very venerable age of eighty years. He was a respected and worthy citizen of Iowa, and in his life record displayed many sterling traits of character that are worthy of emulation. Since the death of the husband and father the family have improved the property by building new barns and sheds, and by making an addition to the house. They are well known in Huron township and enjoy the friendly regard of all with whom they have come in contact socially.

GUSTAVUS V. SHEAGREN.

IN the ranks of Burlington's substantial business men are a large number of recruits from foreign lands, who are a worthy addition to the city's spirit of enterprise and progressive industry. A notable representa-

tive of this class is Gustavus V. Sheagren, who was born Sept. 24, 1847, in South Sweden, and there learned the trade in which he has since been successful, that of carriage-making, in his father's shop in the country, near Wexo, beginning work in the shop when but eleven years of age. Later, leaving the country, he conducted a small shop in Wexo for two years, but then decided to try his fortunes in the New World, and, taking passage to America, landed June 2, 1868, at New York, whence he came West directly to Chicago. His first employment after landing was as a workman in the construction of a railway in Michigan, from Kalamazoo, from June to September.

On Sept. 15, 1868, he came to Burlington, but went on to Afton to work for his Michigan employer, Mr. McKinzie, on the construction of the Burlington & Missouri Railway. Here he met with a misfortune which was of considerable magnitude for one just beginning life in a new land, whose language he could not speak, this being the loss of his wages, \$128.00, for the two month's work, caused by the contractor's relinquishing the work and leaving the men unpaid. Mr. Sheagren then found occupation on a farm, working the first three months for his board, and thereafter receiving fifteen dollars a month, continuing at this work for seven months in all. On July 7, 1869, he returned to Burlington, finding temporary employment with General Dodge, for whom he performed the work about the house for three weeks, and then took a position with the old carriage manufacturing firm of Bennett & Franz. Here his early training counted to his advantage, and he was made foreman of the blacksmith shop, holding that place for about fifteen years, or until 1893, when the

firm was placed in the hands of a receiver, at the request of creditors. In March of the following year Mr. Sheagren and Mr. Bennett purchased the stock and plant, and for two years continued operations on the present site of the Burlington Buggy Company. They then organized a stock company with a paid cash capital of two thousand dollars, J. Bennett being president, and Mr. Sheagren secretary and treasurer, this corporation existing for about five years, at the end of which time Mr. Sheagren purchased his partner's interest. On acquiring exclusive control, he removed to the building at 210 Columbia Street, which had been erected by the firm in 1895 at a cost of two thousand five hundred dollars, and at this excellent location he has since continued the business alone, with great success. Manufacturing, painting, and repairing are carried on, and at one time eight men were employed, although there are but five at present, these being engaged exclusively in buggy and carriage work. Mr. Sheagren's reputation in this line of manufacture is extensive and well established, and the factory yields him each year a handsome profit.

At Burlington on Sept. 30, 1872, Mr. Sheagren was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Petersen, who was born in Sweden, where she learned dressmaking, and whence she came to Chicago and was employed at her art in that city at the time of the great Chicago fire, which she, of course, remembers with great distinctness. She now conducts a large dressmaking establishment in the Tama building, employing from twenty to thirty young women under her personal supervision and that of an assistant, while she visits Chicago about five times each year to study fashions.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sheagren have been born the following children: Oscar Harry, who is in the railway mail service between Burlington and Council Bluffs and lives with his parents; Esther Josephine, who is the wife of John Maher, of Burlington, a conductor on the line of Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway, and has one son, John; Benjamin, a dining-car conductor on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, lives in Burlington, and has two children, Martha and Walter; Ebba Lucretia, who is the wife of George Beikmann, of St. Louis, employed in Ferguson & McKinney's dry-goods house.

Mr. Sheagren's parents, John and Gusta Sheagren, came to America in 1883, and the mother's death occurred at Burlington in September, 1885, she being buried in Aspen Grove cemetery. The father returned the following spring to Sweden, where he is still living, in the eighty-fourth year of his age. They were the parents of the following children: Hannah, wife of Charles Brutus, of Davenport; Louise, of Burlington, widow of Charles Rapp; Matilda, wife of John Youngren, of Rockford, Ill.; and Franz and Caroline, of Sweden, the latter being the wife of John Miller.

Mr. Sheagren owns a pleasant home at 821 North Fourth Street, and in addition to the residence property owns the building in which his factory is located, renting the ground on which it stands. He affiliates with the Republican party, though he is not active in politics. Fraternally, he is a member of Blockhouse Camp, No. 33, Woodmen of the World, of which camp he has been manager, and he is also a member of the Cottage Lake Club, and the Business Men's Association of Burlington. Originally a member of the Swedish Methodist Epis-

copal church, he was very active in its religious work, being from 1873 to 1894 superintendent of the Sunday-school, a trustee of the church, and a member of the official board. He has since transferred his membership to the First Methodist Episcopal church of Burlington.

Possessing a fine and robust physique, Mr. Sheagren has never experienced any difficulty in making his own way in the world, and while the success he has attained has been won entirely by his personal efforts, he has always shunned any tendency to be over-aggressive, preferring to respect the rights of others and to live peaceably with all men. Unassuming, frank, and strictly honest in all matters of business as well as in his private life, he has won the respect of those who know him, and is well worthy of the position and standing which he enjoys in the community where he has labored well, and done a man's part in the world's work.

LOUIE PIETZSCH.

LOUIE PIETZSCH, a gardener and farmer on Section 14, Flint River township, Des Moines county, Iowa, was born on the farm where he now lives, Jan. 14, 1873. He is a son of Herman and Elizabeth (Dewein) Pietzsch. His father, who was one of twelve children, was born March 3, 1837, and was a native of Saxony, Germany, coming with his parents and all of his brothers and sisters, with the exception of one, to America in 1851, locating in Des Moines county, where in 1864 he purchased a farm of eighty-four acres on Sections 14 and 23, in Flint River township. He was married Dec. 12, 1868, to Elizabeth Dewein,

who was born in Burlington, Iowa, Dec. 24, 1848, and is a daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Meyers) Dewein, both natives of Hessen, Germany, coming to America in 1840. Mr. Dewein's life work was that of a shoemaker. He had a partner, Herman Bonertch, for about one year before he died, which occurred in 1872. Mrs. Dewein was born in 1815, and died July 11, 1903, at the home of her son-in-law, John Blaul, whose sketch will also be found in this work. They are both buried in Aspen Grove cemetery. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Dewein were born nine children: Jacob, deceased; George, a resident of Burlington; Ricca, who married Herman Bonitz; Catherine, the wife of Henry Herman; Elizabeth, wife of Herman Pietzsch, and mother of our subject; Louisa, married John Blaul; Louie, of Burlington; and Louis, deceased.

The parents of Louie Pietzsch were blessed with ten children, eight of whom are living, namely: Laura, born April 1, 1871; Louis, born Jan. 14, 1873; Rosa, born May 5, 1875; Catherine, born May 9, 1879; Emma B., born May 15, 1881; John R., born Sept. 19, 1883; Martha, born Nov. 23, 1885; Louise, born Nov. 7, 1887. Albert and Robert died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Pietzsch gave each child a good education. Mr. Pietzsch died Aug. 19, 1901. He was a staunch Republican and a respected and worthy citizen. He was a member of the German Methodist church, as also is his widow, who lives on the farm with her son Louie, of this sketch.

Our subject received his education in the district schools of Flint River township, and has been a farmer and gardener all his life. He has a number of cows and horses and the home farm, which is one of the best in

the township, and his garden contains all kinds of small fruit. When his parents began their domestic life upon this farm, there was only a small frame building on the place; but in 1876 they were able to replace this little house by a handsome brick residence of nine rooms, and in 1887 a fine barn, thirty by forty-two feet, with eighteen-foot posts, was built. The land was also like much of the other land of the valley, in a very wild and unbroken condition. To-day there are fifty acres under cultivation. During the long and continued residence of Mr. Pietzsch in the township he has become well and favorably known throughout the county, and is considered one of the leading and public-spirited citizens of the township, where he possesses the respect and kind regards of all those with whom he has business or social relations. He is just in the prime of life, and we predict for him a bright and prosperous future.

JOHN HENRY KREKEL.

THE Krekel family in America owes its foundation to Jacob Krekel, now deceased, who was a native of Nassau, Germany, where he was born Oct. 25, 1825, and whence he came to the United States in 1844, arriving at the city of Burlington on October 10th of that year. He at once bought the farm in Burlington township now occupied by his son, John Henry, which now comprises forty-six acres. Filled with a sentiment of loyalty to the land of his recent adoption, he enlisted in the army of the United States in 1845, and for three years followed its fortunes in the Mexican War, serving until the

close of the conflict. On the termination of the war he received honorable discharge at the city of New Orleans. Seeing an opportunity there to exercise his ability in business, he established himself in a grocery business, which he continued for several years with success, or until 1858. At this time he returned to Iowa and to his farm in Burlington township, near Kemper's Station, where he opened a wine house for the accommodation of the traveling public, and by his enterprise and instinctive good taste made his hostelry one of the pleasantest in the county, while at the same time his courtesy and admirable character won him friends and success.

He was well known in public affairs as one of the old school of Jacksonian Democracy, being elected as such to the offices of assessor and trustee of Burlington township, in which positions he served with honor and ever without reproach. At New Orleans, on Dec. 28, 1852, he married Miss Wilhelmina Fabian, a native of Annweiler, Rhine Province, Bavaria, and daughter of August and Henrietta Fabian. To them were born six children, these being August, who died in infancy; Augusta, now the wife of William Schafer, who is a clerk in the Guest piano store at Burlington; Louis F., a farmer of Burlington township; Fabian, who died in 1873 at the age of nine and one-half years; Matilda, wife of George Knecht, of Burlington; and John Henry, the subject of this sketch.

John Henry Krekel was born in the house which he now occupies on Sept. 6, 1869, and after receiving a good education in the public schools of his native township, began to relieve his father of much

of the work of superintending the farm. He also assisted from his early years in the conduct of the business, and at his father's death on Nov. 13, 1902, he assumed sole charge. The Quiet Nook, fitly named and widely known as a place of rest and recreation, has been open to the public since pioneer days until the present time continuously, with the exception of one brief interval. While it enjoyed great popularity during the life of the founder, the present proprietor has made many new friends and built up a highly lucrative business, and here visitors are always accorded the most courteous treatment and thoughtful consideration.

Following the paternal example, Mr. Krekel is a worker for the triumph of the Democratic party, and has on occasion served his fellow-citizens in the capacity of clerk of elections for his district. Fraternally, he is a member of the West Burlington Lodge of the Knights of Pythias, and of the Rathbone Sisters, the allied order, in both of which he has been called upon to do duty in the various official positions. He is genial, unpretentious, whole-souled, and loyal, and has a host of friends throughout Des Moines county.

ALFRED THOMAS.

ALFRED THOMAS is the owner of a valuable farm of two hundred and fifty acres in Yellow Springs township. He was born Aug. 3, 1845, his parents being Eli and Nancy (Archer) Thomas. His paternal grandfather, John Thomas, a native of England, was one of the hon-

ored pioneers of the State of Ohio, and contributed in substantial measure to its early development and progress. His maternal grandfather, Hezekiah Archer, was a native of South Carolina, and went from that State to Illinois, becoming a resident of Bond county. In 1835 he came to Iowa, and entered many hundred acres of land in Des Moines county, and here laid out four different townships—Pleasant Grove, Yellow Springs, Franklin, and Washington. He built a log house where Samuel H. Wilson now resides, and later he made and burned brick, which he used in the construction of a modern brick residence, it being the first of the kind in this section of the country, and here he lived till his death. He gave his sons one hundred and sixty acres each, and the farm of Wm. Archer was later sold to a Mr. Orendorf, and later sold, and the present improvements were placed thereon through the efforts of William McClements, who was then its owner. This was left to a son, Robt. McClements, and after a time Mr. Thomas bought this farm, and in 1902 he sold it to the subject of this review. The grandfather did much for the county in the way of reclaiming the district for the purposes of civilization, and his early efforts as an agriculturist proved an important element in laying the foundation for the present progress and prosperity of this section of the State.

Eli Thomas, father of our subject, spent much of his youth in the Middle West, living both in Ohio and Iowa. He was for a long period a resident of Yellow Springs township, where he followed the occupation of farming. His wife bore the maiden name of Nancy Archer.

Alfred Thomas, reared under the parental roof, early became familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist, as he assisted his father in the operation of the home farm. He pursued his preliminary education in the public schools, and afterward attended the Mount Pleasant Academy, thus receiving ample instruction as a preparation for life's practical and responsible duties in later years. The occupation to which he was reared he has always followed. The first land which he ever owned was on Section 19, Yellow Springs township, and was a part of a claim that once belonged to a Revolutionary soldier. It was purchased by his father for one hundred and nineteen dollars, and later Alfred Thomas bought it for thirty dollars per acre. He continued its cultivation for a long period, equipped it with modern accessories and conveniences, and in 1902 sold it to Wm. and Luther Mehaffy, cousins, for sixteen thousand dollars. The following year he purchased his present farm of his brother. This comprises two hundred and thirty acres of land, and constitutes the tract which was entered by his maternal grandfather. Mr. Thomas now has altogether two hundred and fifty acres on Section 31, Yellow Springs township, constituting one of the best-improved farms in this part of the county. He is quite extensively engaged in stock-raising, feeding about a car-load of cattle each year. He makes a specialty of breeding Polled Angus cattle, and handling registered stock. He also raises about eighty head of Poland China hogs annually, and at the present time has one hundred head on his place. His stock-raising interests prove

a gratifying source of income, and at the same time his fields are well tilled and yield him good harvests.

Feb. 23, 1877, Mr. Thomas was united in marriage to Miss Jennie May Dunlap, a daughter of James and Mary (Titterington) Dunlap. She was born in Rock Island county, Illinois, Jan. 22, 1851, and died Feb. 20, 1878, leaving one son, Fred, whose birth occurred Feb. 23, 1878. For his second wife Mr. Thomas chose Miss Alice May Upton, who was born in West Burlington, Sept. 26, 1862, and is a daughter of John and Lydia (Eagle) Upton. There are nine children by this union: Mabel, Kirkwood, Nancy Grace, Helen B., Don P., Glenn, Bernice, Herbert, and Edwin.

In his religious faith Mr. Thomas is a Cumberland Presbyterian, and is interested in the work of the church. His political allegiance is given to the Republican party, and he is a man who keeps well informed on all general topics of the day. His attention, however, is concentrated on his business affairs, and through his well-directed efforts he has provided an excellent home for his family. Realizing that labor is the chief element in a successful career, he has worked persistently and untiringly, and now a handsome property is indicative of his well-spent and useful life.

JOHN LAUBSCHER.

JOHN LAUBSCHER, who carries on general farming in Yellow Springs township, was born in Switzerland, Dec. 29, 1847, his parents being Rudolph and Mary



JOHN LAUBSCHER AND WIFE.

(Schone) Laubscher. The first fourteen years of his life were spent in the country of his nativity, and there he begun his education in the public schools. In December, 1868, however, the family bade adieu to the land of the Alps, and sailed for the New World. On reaching this country they made their way direct toward the Mississippi valley, and took up their abode in Burlington, where they lived for two years. On the expiration of that period they removed to Missouri, and in August, 1876, Mr. Laubscher, of this review, went to Carson City, Nev. He traveled around for a short time, and then came to Mediapolis.

Mr. Laubscher learned the harness-maker's trade in Edina, Knox county, Mo., and started in the harness business for himself, in which he continued until the spring of 1900, when he sold his business to Carl J. Anderson, and also disposed of other city property, in which he had invested.

For several years he has lived upon the farm which he now owns and occupies. He has made all of the improvements here, except a few old buildings which were upon the ground at the time of his purchase. Here he has set out several hundred fruit trees. He now owns ninety-two acres of land, of which twelve acres lie within the city limits. On July 1, 1886, he bought six acres from W. H. Cartwright, for which he paid one hundred dollars per acre, and also purchased another six acres adjoining, for which he gave a similar price, on June 21, 1888. This is the first land in Yellow Springs that has sold for such a high price.

Mr. Laubscher was married Oct. 2, 1878, in Osawatimie, Kans., to Miss Isa-

belle Rowcroft, a daughter of Isaac and Mary (Smith) Rowcroft. They have five children living, and have lost six. Those who still survive are: John Henry, who was born Aug. 9, 1879, and is now in the United States navy; Nellie, born Dec. 25, 1880, and now at home; William, who was born July 18, 1883, and is a farmer; Bessie Olivia, born Dec. 17, 1887; and Jesse, born July 20, 1891. Those who have passed away are: Minnie, who was born May 23, 1882, and died Oct. 10, 1882; Henry, who was born Aug. 6, 1884, and died September 12th of that year; Alva Roy, who was born July 29, 1896, and died on the 8th of the following May; Hazel L., who was born June 23, 1898, and died Sept. 1, 1899; and Minnie Belle, who was born Sept. 12, 1885, and died May 17, 1905.

The wife and mother was called to her final rest Feb. 25, 1900, and it was after this, in the spring of that year, that Mr. Laubscher sold his business, in order to give his entire attention to his farm. He has a pretty home in the midst of a splendid tract of ground, and is to-day one of the substantial agriculturists of his community. All that he possesses has been acquired through his own efforts, and his life record demonstrates the force of energy and integrity as potent elements in business life.

JOHN O'FARRELL.

JOHN O'FARRELL, deceased, was a pioneer resident of Des Moines county. He was born in Kilkenny, Ireland, in June 1798, and was a son of Michael and Julia (O'Keefe) O'Farrell. In the year 1828

he came to the United States, being then a young man of thirty years. He first settled at Newport, R. I., and for ten years was in the employ of the government, being engaged on the construction of forts. On the expiration of that decade he came to the West, settling in Franklin township, Des Moines county, where his brother-in-law, Michael Naddy, had taken up a claim of three hundred and twenty acres from the government. It was this tract that Mr. O'Farrell purchased when he reached Iowa. It was all timber land except about twenty acres, but he at once began clearing it and preparing it for cultivation. His pioneer home was a log cabin, but in 1841 he erected a substantial frame residence, which is still standing. He put all of the improvements upon the place, and continued to work the farm until a tract of ninety acres is now cleared and under a high state of cultivation.

Before leaving his native country Mr. O'Farrell was married, in 1824, to Miss Julia Naddy, a daughter of James and Margaret (Kyle) Naddy. Eight children were born of this union: Michael, who died at the age of thirteen years; Julia, deceased; Margaret, upon the home place; Bridget, the wife of P. Guerin, of California; James, deceased; Mary, who is living on the home place; and Michael and John, who have passed away.

The father was a Democrat in his political views, and a Catholic in his religious faith, being one of the original members of St. Paul's Catholic church at Burlington. His life was marked by industry and perseverance, and he continued actively and successfully to cultivate his farm until his death, which occurred in

September, 1860. His widow long survived him, and in 1862, accompanied by three daughters and one son, went to California, making her way first to New York City, where they embarked on a boat for Panama, crossed the isthmus, and again sailed for San Francisco. They left home on December 16, and arrived at their destination on January 6, following. Mrs. O'Farrell remained with her children on the Pacific Coast for seven years, during that time her farm being rented to Mr. Lutz for five years, and to John Colerane for two years. In 1870 she returned to Des Moines county with her children, John and Mary, while Margaret remained with her brothers, James and Michael, on the Pacific Coast for twenty-six years. Again taking up her abode on the old home farm, Mrs. O'Farrell continued to reside there until her death, which occurred Dec. 14, 1888, when she was eighty-six years of age. Her daughters, Mary and Margaret, have since lived upon the old homestead, occupying the dwelling which was erected by their father about sixty-four years ago, while the land is rented.

DAVID MEHAFFY.

AMONG the worthy sons that Ireland has sent to the New World is David Mehaffy. He has never sought prestige of place or political power, but has directed his energies into business channels, wherein his diligence and effort have won him creditable success, and enabled him to provide a comfortable home for his family, in whose welfare his interest is

centered. He was born in County Monahan, Ireland, July 12, 1864, and there spent the first eight years of his life. His father, hearing favorable reports concerning America and the advantages offered for business success, severed the ties which bound him to the Green Isle, and crossing the Atlantic, landed in New York City. Mr. Mehaffy brought his family direct to Yellow Springs township, Des Moines county, where he bought one hundred and twenty acres of land in Section 17.

David embraced the educational privileges offered by the district schools in the township which had become his new home. Leaving school days behind him he began to work on his father's farm, where he remained for some years.

March 6, 1889, Mr. Mehaffy was married to Miss Rosetta Thompson, daughter of William and Martha Ellen (Lee) Thompson, who was born in Yellow Springs township May 15, 1871. This home has been blessed with six children, all born in Des Moines county but David Winslow, who was born in Minnesota. They are: Martha Elizabeth Anna, born Jan. 25, 1890; David Winslow, born July 8, 1892; Elsie Esther, born Feb. 17, 1894; Thyrza Independence, born July 4, 1895; Jennie Emma, born Jan. 16, 1901; Robert Branham, born Jan. 29, 1904. Mr. Mehaffy resided in Yellow Springs township, carrying on general farming with great success till 1904, when he moved to his present location, the McDonald farm, in Section 26, in order that his children might attend the schools of Mediapolis.

As a dairyman he and his wife hold the record for making butter in this township, making one thousand five hundred and

thirty-six pounds from twelve cows in a year. Some of this fine butter was on exhibition at the World's Fair at St. Louis in 1904. Mr. Mehaffy and his brothers are the largest farmers in Des Moines county, farming about six hundred acres of land, and are known throughout the county as the Mehaffy corn raisers. Mr. Mehaffy now divides his time, farming part of it and ditch contracting the other part of it.

He and his estimable wife and children are members of the Methodist church, being active in all of its movements. Politically he is a Republican, but has never sought nor desired public office. He is a man of upright character, his Christianity being manifested in his daily life, and no shadow of wrong or evil has ever fallen over his life record.

WM. H. THOMPSON.

WM. H. THOMPSON, a farmer and auctioneer, residing now in Mediapolis, Iowa, retired, is a native of Fayette county, Ind., born Sept. 8, 1834, and is a son of Thomas M. and Mary N. (Garrell) Thompson, the former a native of Indiana, and the latter of Allegheny county, Pa. The family is of Irish descent, the paternal grandfather, John Thompson, being a native of Ireland.

Thomas was reared upon a farm, and followed the occupation of farming in his earlier years, but later became a minister in the Methodist Evangelical church and continued to preach the gospel until his death, which occurred in December, 1855, at the age of forty-seven years. His wife,

who was also a member of the Methodist Evangelical church, died in 1884, aged sixty-four years. They reared a family of eleven children, five of whom are living: Elizabeth, wife of Wm. Loper, of Huron township; Wm. H.; Caroline, now Mrs. Warren T. Hand; Milton; and Sarah, the wife of Thomas R. Cogswell.

In 1884 Mr. and Mrs. Thompson came to Des Moines county, Iowa, settling near Dodgeville, Franklin township, where the father rented a farm for two years. Later, he purchased eighty acres of land in Huron township, but in 1849 removed to Keokuk county, Iowa, making that their home for the succeeding two years. Their next place of residence was in Jefferson county, Iowa, where the father died at the age of forty-seven years.

Wm. H. Thompson first came to Des Moines county in 1844, and here resided for five years, at the end of which time he removed with his parents; but in 1852 he returned, engaging as a farm hand until Aug. 10, 1861, when he enlisted in Company K, Fourteenth Iowa Infantry. He served three years and forty-one days as corporal, and participated in the following battles: Fort Donelson, Tupelo, the Red River expedition, Pleasant Hill, Old Oaks, and Tupelo Bayou. The regiment next went to Vicksburg, where they participated in the Second Jackson campaign. Mr. Thompson took part in and was taken prisoner at the battle of Shiloh (or Pittsburg Landing), and confined at Mobile, Ala., later at Montgomery, then at Macon, Ga., and in the Libby Prison, at Richmond, Va., where he was paroled. When exchanged, he again entered active service. He was mustered out in November, 1864, at Davenport, Iowa.

Returning to Des Moines county, Iowa, Mr. Thompson again engaged as a farm hand for one year. Jan. 3, 1867, he was united in marriage to Delanah A. Miller, a native of Des Moines county, Iowa, and by that union two children were born, Olive and Franklin, both of whom died in childhood. The death of the mother occurred Aug. 15, 1870, at the age of thirty-nine years.

Mr. Thompson was again married, June 29, 1871, to Martha E. Lee, a native of this county, and a daughter of Robert E. Lee, who was one of the first settlers in this section. By this marriage there are also two children, Talitha R. and Minnie A. Mr. Thompson purchased a farm in Section 26, Yellow Springs township, where he lived until his retirement, when he moved to Mediapolis. For six years he held the office of constable of his township, is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and politically is a Democrat. Mr. Thompson was also known far and wide as an able auctioneer, following this business for about nine years.

MAX BRUHL.

MAX BRUHL, who, as proprietor of a grocery store in Burlington, is regarded as one of the representative business men of the city, was born in Austria, Oct. 12, 1859, and is a son of Martin and Mary (Meyer) Bruhl. He was but eight years of age when his parents came to America, locating in Jackson, Mo., where he remained until thirteen years of age, when he came with the family to Burlington, and for a time attended a night school. He is a self-made

man, for at the age of eight years he began earning his own livelihood, working for his board and clothing. He did odd chores, and in fact performed any honest labor that he could secure. At different times he was employed in a lumber factory, in a cigar and tobacco factory, and in a grocery store, while later he engaged in teaming. Thus he embraced every opportunity which promised him success and advancement and at length, through his own industry and economy, he acquired the capital which enabled him to embark in the grocery business on his own account on West Hill, one block from where he is now located, at 425 Leebrick Street. Since 1892 he has given his undivided attention to his grocery store, in which he now carries a large and carefully selected stock of goods, so neatly and tastefully arranged that it proves very attractive to his many customers. His business is constantly increasing, and he is now conducting a profitable trade, his annual sales netting him a good return upon his investment.

On Oct. 12, 1880, Mr. Bruhl was united in marriage to Miss Mary C. Plock, a daughter of Henry and Dorothy Elizabeth (Drothring) Plock. Her parents came to America in April, 1865, locating in Burlington, where they spent their remaining days, the father being employed in Gilbert's lumber yard until his death, which occurred in August, 1895. His wife died July 5, 1897. They had five children: August and Mary, who are in this country, and three who died in Germany. Mrs. Bruhl was born in Berlin, Germany, Feb. 25, 1861, and was therefore only four years of age when brought by her parents to the United States. By her marriage she has become the mother of seven children: Mary, Augusta, Clara

Dora, Elizabeth, Arthur Ferdinand, Maximilian Mathias, Vesta Lavina, and Margaret Judith. The family circle yet remains unbroken by the hand of death, and all of the children are at home. Mr. Bruhl is a member of the Modern Woodmen Camp at Burlington, and politically is a Republican where national questions are involved, but at local elections he votes independently of party ties. While there have been no exciting chapters in his life history, it is still worthy of commendation, showing that force of character, strong purpose, and honorable methods form a safe and sure foundation upon which to build success.

JOHN G. DEHN.

IN the life record of John George Dehn are contained many valuable lessons, showing what can be accomplished by the young man of this free country, even though he has no capital with which to start out on life's journey. With a laudable ambition to achieve success, Mr. Dehn placed his dependence upon the substantial qualities of energy and close application, and on this foundation he has reached his prosperity.

Mr. Dehn, a son of Henry and Margaret (Petrea) Dehn, was born in Darmstadt, Germany, Aug. 3, 1846. Though his education was received in his native place, yet his school privileges were very limited, but reading and general observation in later years have made him a well-informed man. He learned the butcher trade early in life, and after coming to America spent one year in this work in Alton, Ill. Coming to Burlington, Iowa, in 1869, he was employed at the butcher shop of Mr. George

Boeck for three years. With this experience our subject decided to go into business for himself, and in 1872 a favorable opportunity presented itself. The well-known firm of Steinbrecher, Dehn & Lau was established, having a well-equipped meat market located at the northeast corner of Third and Washington Streets. Here Mr. Dehn met with gratifying success, numbering hundreds of the good people of the city among his daily customers. This popular firm continued in business till 1897, when Mr. Steinbrecher died, and the firm underwent a change, Mr. Lau retaining the old stand, and Mr. Dehn seeking a new location, and opening up a meat market at 805 Osborn Street. After conducting this shop for some fourteen months, he sold out to Mr. Frank Ostertag, who died soon after, leaving his meat market in the care of his wife. On Jan. 1, 1899, a broader field of work presented itself, and Mr. Dehn opened a store at 803 Osborn Street, where he does a good business dealing in hides, tallow, and grease. He has also twenty-five acres of land in the city limits, and is employed in gardening, having planted some nine hundred or one thousand fruit trees, which in time will add greatly to his income.

On May 5, 1870, Mr. Dehn became the husband of Miss Catherine Roth, daughter of Lawrence and Mary (Wonderlich) Roth. Her parents were highly respected Germans, who came to America at an early date. Unto Mr. Dehn and his wife were born seven children: George; Frank; Emma (Mrs. Herman Ortel); Clara (Mrs. Otto Thomas), who died very suddenly Aug. 6, 1903, aged twenty-two years; Fred; Lydia (Mrs. Robert Duncan); and Walter Henry.

The children all attended the South Hill School, making good use of their time, and where they were very popular with their playmates. The sons all have good positions in their native city.

Politically, Mr. Dehn has always been a staunch Democrat, and though never seeking or aspiring to any public office, yet always ready and willing to serve his party in any capacity that would promote its success. Mr. and Mrs. Dehn are both earnest and devoted members of the German Lutheran church, being regular attendants and actively engaged in the religious and social welfare of the same. Their pleasant home is located at 218 South Fourth Street.

As a citizen Mr. Dehn has proved himself public-spirited and progressive, patriotic and loyal to the principles of our government, his personal success being the result of untiring energy and application. He is a valued member of the community, held in the highest esteem for the sterling traits of character which have brought about his success.

HERMAN GERBELING.

AMONG the thrifty class of Germans who were born in West Phalen, Germany, and who have formed a settlement in Flint River township, is Herman Gerbeling, who is a son of Henry John and Catherine (Baker) Gerbeling, and who was born Nov. 27, 1857. Receiving something less than two years' schooling in his native place, he came to America with his parents when only eight years old, and though it is now forty years ago, yet many of the incidents and experi-

ences of the trip are still fresh in his mind. His parents were born in the good old Fatherland, his father, Nov. 27, 1820, and his mother, Jan. 13, 1834. Soon after coming to this free country, his father bought the farm in Flint River township where our subject makes his home. He was most successful in all his undertakings for some twenty-five years, and had become well and favorably known throughout the community. His death occurred Aug. 24, 1901.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerbeling were the parents of eleven children—six sons and five daughters—of whom eight are now living: Herman, of this review; Henry and William, both of Nebraska; Peter, of Burlington; Carrie, at home; Hannah, married Henry Wiedeman, of Nebraska; August, of Burlington; Edward, who is on the old home place; Mary, Anna, and an unnamed infant, died.

Politically, Mr. Gerbeling was a strong Democrat, but not an aspirant for party recognition. He and his wife were regular attendants of the German Evangelical church, where they had both long been devoted members. Our subject lives with his aged mother, and is the superintendent of the old home place. He also has seventy-two acres of land in Section 4, in the same township where he lives. He does farming, gardening, and raises considerable stock, which he ships to the local markets.

Though Mr. Gerbeling has always been a Democrat, yet he votes for the man who he thinks is best qualified to serve the people. In 1894 he was elected road supervisor, and served with great satisfaction to the township for seven years. He joined the Odd Fellows in Sperry, Iowa, in 1885, and held all the offices of this order, and was past grand one term during the '90's. Mr. Ger-

beling is a man who is very fond of reading, and is well posted on all subjects. He is a man of much strength of character and intellect, and stands high in the opinion of his fellow-men. He is unmarried.

LOUIS F. TIMMERMAN.

LOUIS F. TIMMERMAN, who now makes his home on Sections 10 and 11 in Benton township, Des Moines county, is a native of Prussia, where he was born Feb. 10, 1849, a son of Christopher and Verste Timmerman. He received his education in Germany, making a specialty of the languages, of which he is master.

When he was eighteen years of age he came to the United States and located in Iowa, where he was engaged at various things for many years. He finally turned his attention to farming, and in 1899 bought a farm of one hundred acres, where he has resided for the last three years. He is engaged in all kinds of farming, and also feeds a number of cattle.

Sept. 19, 1872, Mr. Timmerman became the husband of Miss Augusta Kahn, who was also born in Prussia, in the city of Magdeburg. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Timmerman were born six children who are living: Lizzie, Henry, Carrie, Edward, John, and Maggie. After being a faithful and devoted wife for some twenty years, Mrs. Timmerman entered into her eternal rest May 23, 1892, and relatives, friends, and neighbors all lost one who had been to them most faithful and true,

and who had ever exerted an influence which was for good.

Dec. 31, 1895, Mr. Timmerman married Mrs. Wilhelmina Emma Hauser, who was born in Burlington, Iowa, Jan. 26, 1859, and is a daughter of August and Henrietta (Spence) Moabens who were native-born Germans. By her marriage with Henry P. Hauser, Mrs. Hauser had three children: Sarah Ellen, Florence Matilda, and Susan Mehitabel. Sarah Ellen married Paul Sander, and lives in Chicago; Florence Matilda is the wife of Victor E. Benson, who travels for the Dexter Folding Machine Company, of Chicago. They have one child, Howard, who is five years of age. Susan Mehitabel married George A. Benson, who is a printer, and also resides in Chicago.

Mr. Timmerman is a Democrat, but generally casts his vote for the men he thinks best qualified to serve the people. He and his estimable family are members of the Zion church, where they take much pleasure in advancing every undertaking.

Though Mr. Timmerman is a man of a very retiring nature, still he is one to be greatly admired and respected. His life has been one of integrity and uprightness, which has not only won many friends for him, but has made his business career very successful.

MAXIMILIAN BUSER.

MAXIMILIAN BUSER, who is conducting a blacksmithing business in Burlington, was born in Basel, Switzerland, March 12, 1848, his parents being Henry and Anna

(Schafer) Buser. The father was a blacksmith by trade, and about 1869 came with his family to America, making his way direct to Burlington, where for about three years he was in the employ of Burk & Funk. He then embarked in business on his own account by opening a shop of his own on West Hill. There he conducted business for some time. He died in 1894, while his wife passed away in 1890. They were the parents of twelve children, of whom nine are yet living: Henrietta, the widow of George Kratz, who was drowned, her home being on Garden Street, on North Hill; Anna, the wife of Dietrich Langenberg, who is janitor for the Sunnyside School, and lives on Highland Avenue; Maximilian; Mary, the wife of Joseph Miller, a carpenter, who for thirty years worked for Mr. Winters, and resides on Highland Avenue; Selma, who became the wife of Fred Doemland, and died in 1887; John, who is living in Quincy, Ill.; Charles, a frescoer by trade; Frederick, a shipping clerk; Albert, who is a cutter for the Mercantile Company; Lydia, the wife of August Schultz, a machinist of West Burlington; Henry, who died in August, 1904, at the age of thirty-six years; and Otto, who died in Germany at the age of three years.

Maximilian Buser pursued his education in the schools of his native country, and after putting aside his text-books learned the blacksmith's trade with his father. When twenty-one years of age he came with the family to the United States, and has since been a resident of Burlington. He was first employed as a blacksmith by the firm of Burk & Funk, and later obtained employment in the Burk Wagon Works, where he remained for twelve years. Subsequently he was with the Murray Iron Works for

seven years, and following a period spent in the service of the Orchard City Works, he began business on his own account in 1893, opening a shop next to his pleasant home, at 2616 Sunnyside Avenue, where he does all kinds of blacksmithing with the exception of horseshoeing. He makes plows, wagons, and all kinds of tools, and does all kinds of repair work, having a good patronage, which makes his business profitable.

On the 5th of November, 1874, Mr. Buser was married to Miss Fredericka Doemland, a daughter of Christian Doemland, and they have five children: Lydia, Maria Selma, Arthur Wesley, Maude Ellen, and Ruth Anna. Mr. Buser attends the German Methodist Episcopal church, in the faith of which he was reared. In politics he is a Democrat, where party principles are involved, but at local election votes regardless of party ties. Long a representative of industrial interests here, he has ever been regarded as a good workman, and his labors have not been without the success which is the goal of all business endeavor.

FRED MEHMKEN.

FRED MEHMKEN, a son of Gerhard and Fredericka (Schreiter) Mehmken, was born in Oldenburg, Germany, July 10, 1869. He there pursued his education in the public schools and in a business college, and being thus well equipped for the duties that come when one enters business life, he turned his attention to the task of acquiring a competence. He was first employed in a wholesale dry-goods store in Bremen, and later, in accordance with the laws of his native land,

he spent three years in the German army, acting as both corporal and bookkeeper. Following his military service he worked for seven months in a dry-goods store; and then, ambitious to enjoy the better business privileges of the New World, he came to America in the spring of 1894, landing at Baltimore. From that city he made his way to Des Moines county, Iowa, where he was employed on a farm for about one year; after which he spent three years in Henry county, this State, working by the month.

In 1901, through his industry and frugality, he had accumulated a capital sufficient to enable him to purchase a farm of his own, and he bought one hundred and sixty acres of Samuel B. Tucker, on Section 28, Yellow Springs township. In the meantime, however, he had followed farming on his own account for four years, as a renter.

His present home is pleasantly and conveniently located about two and one-half miles west of Mediapolis, where he is engaged in raising forty-five head of cattle, mostly of the Hereford breed, and about seventy-five head of Poland China hogs. He is a general farmer and stock-raiser, and while there has been nothing sensational or exciting in his career, it shows the force of consecutive endeavor and laudable ambition as active factors in business life. These qualities have brought him success.

Jan. 1, 1898, Mr. Mehmken was united in marriage to Lizzie Vollmer Tackenberg, a daughter of Henry and Louisa (Kipp) Vollmer. She was twice married, her first husband being Charles Tackenberg, who died April 15, 1896, at the age of twenty-nine years, leaving one son, Wesley, born Nov. 16, 1891. Mr. and Mrs. Mehmken now have two children: Henry, born April 25, 1902; and Mark, born Jan. 21, 1904.

Mr. Mehmken holds membership in the German Lutheran church, and in politics is a Republican where State and national issues are involved, but at local elections, where the capability of a candidate is the essential factor, he votes independently. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to seek a home in America, for here he has found the business opportunities he sought, which, by the way, are always open to ambitious, resolute young men. Through his unfaltering labor he has made for himself a creditable place in agricultural circles in Yellow Springs township.

FRED C. WUNNENBERG.

ONE of the most progressive farmers and influential citizens of Benton township is Fred C. Wunnenberg, who is a representative of a well-known pioneer family. Mr. Wunnenberg himself is a native of the township, but he is one of the many citizens of Des Moines county whose native thrift and sterling integrity bear indisputable testimony to the fact that they are of German descent, his father and mother both having come from that country. Mr. Wunnenberg is the son of Henry and Amelia (Raefeld) Wunnenberg.

The father, Henry Wunnenberg, was born in Berlin, and followed the occupation of a miller in the Fatherland. He and his wife came to America in 1852, and located in Benton township, where he made his home till the time of his death. Immediately upon his arrival in Benton township he bought a forty-acre farm located in the eastern part of the

township. He was so successful, from a financial standpoint, in his cultivation of this place, that after a number of years he was able to sell this farm and buy another one consisting of one hundred and thirty-five acres, situated across the road west from the one on which our subject lives. Here he made his home, and carried on a stock-raising business in addition to his work of general farming. The farm was brought to a high state of cultivation and underwent many improvements under the ownership of Mr. Wunnenberg. Here he died at the ripe age of seventy-nine years, and was interred in the cemetery south of the village of Latty. He was always very much interested in the political questions of the day, and rendered valuable aid to the Democratic party, which seemed to him to best represent his ideas of what a popular government should be. He was also an active and efficient worker in the Evangelical church, of which he was a faithful member.

Mrs. Henry Wunnenberg, whose maiden name was Amelia Raefeld, died about four years before her husband, at the age of fifty-six years, and is buried at the same place as her husband. She was the mother of eleven children, of whom two died in infancy. Of the five boys and four girls remaining, one, Herman, is a teamster in Burlington. The rest have preferred the free life of farmers.

Fred C. Wunnenberg, the subject of this review, was born on the old homestead in Benton township, Feb. 17, 1862. He was given a common-school education, beyond which very few young people went at that time, and remained at home until he reached the age of thirty

years, sometimes working out on neighboring places besides helping to carry on the work of the home place.

On March 30, 1893, he was married to Miss Anna Riemann, daughter of Fred Riemann, of this township. Her father, who is now deceased, came of a family whose names have been well known in the community for many years, as they were among the earliest settlers of this part of Iowa.

After his marriage Mr. Wunnenberg was so prospered that in four or five years he was able to buy his present farm of one hundred and twenty acres, in Section 18, and has since resided there. This farm consists of rich, fertile land, and is in a good state of cultivation, thoroughly developed, and well adapted to general farming as Mr. Wunnenberg carries it on. Mr. Wunnenberg has been blessed with seven children, who are: Vernon William, born July 2, 1894; Herbert Otto, born Sept. 16, 1895; Alice Adora, born Oct. 4, 1896; Minnie, born Oct. 14, 1898; Ralph H., born Feb. 6, 1901; Pearl Emma, born Aug. 6, 1902; and a daughter, born Feb. 5, 1905.

Mr. Wunnenberg has taken much interest in political affairs since he was a young man, and has done much work in behalf of his friends. He has attended the county conventions as a delegate, representing his neighbors in the Democratic party. In religious matters he is connected with the Evangelical church, and well maintains his father's faith. He is devoted to the cause of right and justice in all its aspects, and has always been a believer in the duty of the citizen to assist with whatever ability he may possess in the solution of questions affecting

the public welfare. Accordingly he has at times acted as supervisor of highways for the township, and has also shown that he has the cause of public education at heart, by acting as school director for a number of years. He has a large circle of friends who respect him for his energy, loyalty, and uprightness, and admire him for his stanch character.

PETER BOUQUET.

PETER BOUQUET, a resident of Burlington since 1858, and regarded as one of the reliable and representative business men of the city, was born in Rhinepfalz, Germany, on the 15th of May, 1834, his parents being Jacob and Catharine (Gordon) Bouquet. In his native land he acquired his education by attending the common schools, and at the age of nineteen years he sailed for America, having heard favorable reports concerning its business opportunities. He therefore resolved to try his fortune in this land, and he has never regretted this determination. He sailed in January, 1853, landing at New Orleans, whence he made his way direct to Louisville, Ky., where he learned the cooper's trade under John Fisher, in whose employ he remained for eighteen months. He then went to St. Louis, Mo., where he was employed as a journeyman for about three years, after which he spent three months in Louisiana, Mo.

The fall of 1858 witnessed the arrival of Mr. Bouquet in Burlington, and since that time he has been a representative of the industrial interests of this city. Here he worked for Casper Heil for about one year,

and at the end of that time entered into partnership with his employer. After a brief period, however, he purchased his interest in the business, which he has since conducted under his own name. He does all kinds of cooper work, and his thorough understanding of the trade and practical workmanship have secured to him a liberal patronage that renders his business profitable. He is now located at 615 and 617 Front Street, where he furnishes employment to a number of workmen.

On the 17th of October, 1858, Mr. Bouquet was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Ceisenheim, a daughter of Theodore and Catharine Ceisenheim. They have become the parents of nine children, as follows: Mattilda, the wife of Hamilton Drake, of Burlington; George, who is in California; Nannie, the wife of George Saylor, of Burlington; Katie, the wife of Dowe Hobeck, of California; Theodore, also living in California; Emma, now at home, and owns a millinery store on Fourth Street; Hammond, a resident of Burlington; Clara, wife of Joseph Bouquet, of San Francisco; and Edwin, also living in California.

Mr. Bouquet is a member of the Lutheran church. In politics he is independent, and has never sought or desired office, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business affairs, and it has been his persistency of purpose, supplemented by excellent workmanship and straightforward dealing, that has brought to him prosperity. For forty-seven years a resident of this city, his career has been such as commands respect and confidence, and it also proves conclusively the force and value of energy and determination in business circles in a land where opportunity and effort are not hampered by caste.

GEORGE M. BOSCH.

GEORGE MELCHIOR BOSCH, retail dealer in wines and liquors in Burlington, was born in Gussenstadt, Germany, July 2, 1857, and is a son of Martin and Walburga (Printzcing) Bosch. At the usual age he began his education in the common schools of his native country, and afterward attended the gymnasium at Stuttgart until fourteen years of age, when he began learning the brewer's trade, serving a three years' apprenticeship. After the completion of his term of indenture, he worked as a brewer in Germany until 1876, when he came to New York where he was employed in a brewery for two months.

Mr. Bosch then came to Burlington, arriving in this city on the thirteenth of October, 1876. Here he was employed in the Western Brewery for four months, after which he spent three years as brewer in the other brewing establishments of this city. He was afterward for three years and two months in the employ of Casper Heil, and subsequently worked for two years in the brewery owned by Mr. Metzger. This he purchased in 1888, in connection with Andrew Ganz, their partnership continuing for two years, when they dissolved their business connection, and withdrew from the trade. Mr. Bosch then went to Nebraska, where he worked in a brewery for four months, and in September, 1889, he returned to Burlington, where he embarked in the saloon business. He is now located at 1606 Division Street.

Mr. Bosch is a member of the Lutheran church, and in his political views he is a Democrat, where questions of State and national importance are involved, but at local elections he votes independently.

Mr. Bosch was married to Miss Anna Messmer, a daughter of Anton and Mary (Klutz) Messmer. She was born in Grosselfingen, Germany, April 13, 1860, and with her sister Lena came to America when seventeen years of age. This sister died June 26, 1889. She also had four brothers who came to America, but one returned to the Fatherland. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Bosch have been born two children, but the daughter, Mary, died in infancy. The elder, George Carl, born Jan. 19, 1882, is now serving with the crew of the "Dolphin" as a member of the American navy. Mr. Bosch has prospered in his business career here, and has therefore had no occasion to regret his determination to make his home in America.

CHARLES HENRY WICHHART.

CHARLES HENRY WICHHART, of the firm of Vannice & Wichhart, is among the enterprising business men of Mediapolis, who, prompted by laudable ambition and strong determination, has made for himself an honorable place in industrial circles, and gained gratifying success. He is engaged in carriage- and wagon-making, which he conducts in connection with his blacksmith shop, and is now enjoying a very liberal patronage of the people from the surrounding country. He is a son of John Christopher and Elizabeth (Landgrave) Wichhart, and a native of Baltimore, Md., being born Nov. 22, 1857. At the age of seven years he came to Burlington, Iowa, with his parents, where he obtained a substantial education in the public schools. When quite

young he learned the blacksmith's trade, which took him two years. After this he was fortunate in being able to travel extensively for some little time.

In the spring of 1878 he engaged in general farming in Benton township, where he remained with success till about 1891, when he located in the village of Mediapolis, and engaged in various things until he formed the partnership with his present partner, Mr. Vannice. They make and repair wagons and buggies and shoe horses as well as any firm in the county. They are young men of push and energy, and have always conducted their business in a manner that was satisfactory to all their patrons, and their business adds much to the growth and prosperity of the town. A sketch of Mr. Vannice will be found in this book.

Feb. 23, 1886, Mr. Wichhart was married to Miss Clarinda Walker, a daughter of Jesse and Mary (Bush) Walker. This union has been blessed with two bright children: Esco Walker, and Arthur Morris, both students in the village schools. Mr. Wichhart is a member of the secret order of Independent Order of Odd Fellows, where he has held all of the offices. In politics he has given his support to the Republican party, believing the platform of this party to be the one best calculated to promote the general welfare of the State and nation. Mr. and Mrs. Wichhart are both consistent members of the Baptist church, where they attend regularly and where Mr. Wichhart is one of the trustees. They have many friends in the village, and are always ready to assist in any way that will be conducive to the best interests of their little city.

JOHN ALBERT JACKSON.

JOHN Albert Jackson, who is occupying the position of trustee in Huron township, and is a citizen held in high esteem by his fellow-townsmen, was born in Union township, Des Moines county, Nov. 30, 1872, his parents being Isaac and Christina Jackson, who had come to this county in 1868, from Sweden. In 1873 the father purchased forty acres of land in Section 15, Huron township, and later added another tract of forty acres, while still later he purchased eighty acres on Section 10 of the same township. Then, as his financial resources grew, he added to his farm, which by reason of the care and cultivation he bestowed upon the fields became a valuable and attractive property.

It was upon the old homestead that Mr. Jackson was reared, and in the public schools of Huron township he pursued his education, his parents having removed from Union to Huron township during his infancy. He was reared to farm life, early becoming familiar with all the duties and labors that devolve upon the agriculturist. About 1895 he purchased twenty acres of land on Section 16, Huron township, from J. E. Anderson; and in 1900 he bought forty acres more, on Section 10, from Mrs. Peter Johnson. He lives, however, in a house erected on the eighty-acre tract of land belonging to his father, on Section 10, Huron township, there being no buildings upon his own forty-acre tract. He carries on general farming, his fields being well tilled, and to the further cultivation and development of his property he devotes his energies year by year, until he has now

accumulated a comfortable competence and is classed with the substantial young agriculturists of his community. He has good stock upon his place, now raising about ten head of cattle and forty head of hogs each year, and he also raises some horses.

On Oct. 19, 1897, occurred the marriage of Mr. Jackson and Miss Ellen Jackson, a daughter of Alfred and Christina Jackson. She was born in Huron township, and they now have two children: Plummie, born Sept. 24, 1899; and Mildred, born Dec. 12, 1900.

Mr. Jackson is recognized as one of the leading representatives of the Republican party in his locality. In 1902 he was elected constable in his township, but would not serve. The following year, however, he was elected trustee, and is now filling that office, discharging his duties with promptness and fidelity. He is always true to every trust reposed in him, and is known among his friends and neighbors as an honorable, upright man. Both he and his wife are members of the Swedish Lutheran church, and are loyal to its faith and teachings.

JACOB P. MAILANDT.

JACOB P. Mailandt is a man whose career illustrates the value of sound principles applied to every calling. Born in Holstein, Germany, in the year 1867, he accompanied his parents to the United States when only three years of age, in 1870, the family first making its home in the State of New Jersey for a period of two years. They then decided to cast

their fortunes with the great West, and came to Iowa, and located temporarily at Pleasant Grove, Des Moines county, where they spent a further two years. Here the father worked at his trade of blacksmithing, which he had acquired in Germany in accordance with the highly sensible custom of the Fatherland, which vouchsafes to every citizen the mastery of a trade as a preparation for active life. The mother of Mr. Mailandt died in 1900, and since that time the father has resided with his son in Burlington, being engaged since his removal to this city in the shops at West Burlington as a blacksmith. Our subject is the eldest of a family of four, of whom three survive, the others being Mrs. J. W. Brem, of Santiago, Cal., and Mrs. Lena Swanders, of Burlington.

Mr. Mailandt secured his education in the public schools of this city, for it was here that his youth was passed and that he attained to manhood's estate, his parents having removed to Burlington after two years spent in Pleasant Grove. On leaving school he entered the printing establishment of Acres, Blackmar & Company, remaining in that employ for two years, and during that time he became expert in the work. During the boom in Kansas City he went to that place, and by his skill as a printer was able to command unusually generous wages; but he did not take kindly to the trade, and on returning to Burlington abandoned it permanently for other and more congenial pursuits. Here he engaged with the Conner Mercantile Company, with whom he continued for the long period of twelve years, first as stock-keeper, and during the last seven years as traveling salesman, having for his territory the State of Illinois and

part of the State of Iowa. In this occupation he was uniformly successful, and in 1898 he was possessor of sufficient capital to enable him to launch an independent enterprise, which he did in association with his brother-in-law, Mr. J. W. Brem, they establishing a clothing store at 518 Jefferson Street, using the style of Brem & Mailandt, as Mr. Brem acted as manager of the business during the first year, Mr. Mailandt not severing his connection with the Conner Mercantile Company until the end of that time. One year later the store was moved across the street to 509-11 Jefferson Street, and in 1901 Mr. Mailandt became sole proprietor. The store is large, having a double front, and enjoys excellent lighting facilities, the first floor being devoted to haberdashery, clothing, furnishings, etc., while the second floor is entirely given over to Mr. Mailandt's extensive tailoring establishment, employing five workmen.

In November, 1892, Mr. Mailandt was united in marriage to Miss Amelia Minnie Niemeyer, who was born in Burlington, a daughter of Mr. H. H. Niemeyer, proprietor of a grocery store on South Hill, this city. They occupy a pleasant home at 1434 West Avenue, and to them have been born two children, Ethel and Eylo.

Our subject is a consistent member of Grace Methodist Episcopal church, to whose various departments of work he is a frequent contributor. He is prominently connected in a fraternal way, having recently been made a member of Malta Lodge, No. 318, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; and is also a member of Burlington Camp No. 6088, Modern Woodmen of America, which he has

served as camp banker and in other offices. His popularity is large, and his business success up to the present time seems to prophesy for him a still more brilliant career in the future.

CHARLES E. DAVEY.

CHARLES E. DAVEY, now deceased, was for many years an integral factor in the business development and upbuilding of Henry county. His name was an honored one on commercial paper, and he was widely esteemed because of his integrity and trustworthiness in all business transactions. A native of Iowa, he was born in Canaan township, Henry county, Feb. 18, 1855, his birth-place being his father's farm, whereon he was also reared, early becoming familiar with the labors incident to the cultivation of the fields. He remained upon the home farm in Canaan township till he was twenty-one years old, and in his youth attended the district schools of the neighborhood.

Soon after attaining his majority Mr. Davey began general farming and stock-raising in Henry county, in which he was very successful for a number of years till his death, which occurred in Henry county, Nov. 10, 1887. The death of Mr. Davey was the first to invade the circle of his parents' family of ten children. The others are all still living. Dec. 16, 1880, Mr. Davey was married to Miss Mary Stuck, daughter of Peter and Augusta (Courts) Stuck, of Henry county. The father and mother of Mrs. Davey were both born in Germany, and came to America at an early day, locating in Burlington for some time, and then moved to Canaan township, Henry county, where

he farmed for many years. At one time he was a large property owner, but met with misfortune, and lost a large part of his property. He died when about sixty years old, his widow surviving him only one year. She was fifty-nine years of age when she passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Stuck were the parents of four children, three of whom are now living: Henry, resides in Burlington, Iowa; Clara, wife of John Davey, of Henry county; Mary, widow of our subject; Dora, died at the age of two and a half years.

To Mr. and Mrs. Davey two children were born: Homer L., born Aug. 8, 1881, in Henry county, resides in Washington township, Des Moines county, and farms the ninety acres of land belonging to his mother; Laura May, born Feb. 19, 1884, in Henry county, is at home with her mother.

The death of Mr. Davey seemed untimely, as he was a young man of only thirty-two years of age, and just at a time when his family and the community needed him most. He was a prosperous man of his day, had accumulated considerable money, and was just about to purchase a farm when he was summoned to his home above, and thus we see that, truly, "Man proposes, but God disposes." Although Mr. Davey was always a strong Democrat, and ever willing to render faithful service to his party, he never cared to hold public office. Several years after the death of Mrs. Davey's husband, she took up the business thread where it was broken off by his death and purchased a farm of ninety acres in Washington township, Des Moines county, on Section 5, where she has resided for the past ten years.

She has made many improvements on the place, and now has a nice house, good barn, and her whole place is one to be admired. At the time of the death of our subject he



CHARLES E. DAVEY AND FAMILY.

was a devoted member of the Methodist church, where his widow still holds membership, and where his family regularly attend. Besides leaving his family sufficient means of this world's treasures, Mr. Davey bequeathed to them a clean life record, an untarnished name, and a well-rounded out character. From the time of his birth he had made his home in Henry county, and his cordial manner, his genial disposition, and deference to the opinions of others, rendered him a popular citizen, whose numerous friends still cherish his memory with love and respect.

Sept. 13, 1905, Homer L. Davey married Miss Myrtle Lee, daughter of Allen and Malissa (Linder) Lee, of Washington township, Des Moines county. Homer is now farming the home place, and Mrs. Davey, his mother, is shortly to move to Mt. Union, Henry county, where she will make her home.

JOHN McMULLIN.

AMONG the first white children born in Burlington was John McMullin, who first saw the light in this city more than three-score years ago, on Sept. 16, 1840. He is a son of Robert McMullin, who came to America with his parents from County Down, Ireland, in the year 1811, and Ann (McClure) McMullin, a native of Kentucky, and of Scotch ancestry. The vessel on which Mr. McMullin sailed for the land of the free was run down by the British ship "Belvidere," and all the able-bodied men were removed and pressed into the military service.

John McMullin is one of a family of ten, of whom only three are now living:

William, of Rapid City, S. Dak.; James, who is at the Soldiers' Home at Marshalltown, Iowa; and John, the subject of this review. Mr. McMullin was reared on his father's farm in Huron township, the post-office being Northfield, and there he received his early training in useful industry in the hard toil of agriculture as it was carried on at that time.

On Sept. 19, 1865, he wedded Miss Elizabeth Lydia Wallace, who like himself is a native of Burlington, where she was born March 10, 1847. Her parents were farmers, and died at Mediapolis; but of their children seven still survive, as follows: Helen Mar, of Burlington; Nancy Ellen Graves, of Des Moines county; May Matilda Loper, of Stanton, Mich.; and Josephine Loper, Frances Bailey, and James P. Wallace, of Des Moines county. The father and mother of this family were natives of Ohio, and were of Scotch-Irish descent.

After his marriage Mr. McMullin operated his father's farm for a few years, and in 1874 removed to Burlington, taking a position in this city as a wood-worker in a shop devoted to the production of agricultural implements. For the long period of twenty-three years he was in the employ of the Orchard City Wagon Company, formerly Funk & Hertzley; for a year and a half in the wagon shop of Wehman & Ebert, and later with the Iowa Soap Company as a carpenter, but at present he is retired from active pursuits, enjoying a well-earned rest.

To Mr. and Mrs. McMullin have been born six children, of whom one son and two daughters survive: Newton Lincoln, a resident of Burlington, where he is engaged in business as a job printer, and is well known; Mary Evelena, the wife of I. H. Carruthers, of Des Moines, a stockholder and member

of the faculty of Capital City Commercial College; Helen Josephine, at home, has received an excellent education in the public schools, and has many friends. Both the father and mother of our subject are now deceased, they having died on the home farm in Huron township, both attaining to the age of seventy-three years.

Mr. McMullin has always shown himself commendably interested in the public welfare, and at the time of the Civil War offered his services to the national government as a soldier. An attack of typhoid fever interfered with his plans, however, and caused his rejection by the recruiting officer. The family home is at 920 Jefferson Street, where numerous friends and acquaintances enjoy a generous but quiet hospitality.

CHRISTIAN KUNTZ.

IN the career of many a humble emigrant from the Old World who has braved the ocean voyage and the perils of a transfer to an alien people and a strange land, there is material for more tender and touching stories and studies of the heart and life of man than ever have been penned. For the sake of a home and career the timid have become bold and the weak strong. Prosaic enough the outer life, and matter-of-fact enough the daily career, but the heart glows with its own riches, and the inner life has its own illumination. To leave the home land and go among strangers is an act of courage, and may rival the bravery of the soldier on the field of battle. It requires enterprise to contemplate such an adventure, and the men who remove to

the New World are largely men of character and nerve. They come because they crave a larger field, and they are bound to thrive. Of such is the man whose name introduces this article. He is of an energetic, pushing disposition, and has won a good measure of prosperity.

Christian Kuntz was born at Berne, Switzerland, June 13, 1849, the son of John Kuntz and Mary (Luginbuhl) Kuntz. He received his education in the district schools of his native community, attending them for ten years. Although he was born on a farm, his early tastes did not turn toward farm work; and when his schooling was finished, after the solid manner of his countrymen he learned a trade, becoming a shoemaker. He followed this occupation for three years, at the end of which time he came to America.

Coming to America by way of Boston, he came direct to Morton, Ill., where he began his life in the new country by working as a farm hand. After two months he changed to Forest, Ill., where he worked for three years, and then went to Eureka, Ill., where he rented a farm, and began working for himself. In 1878 he moved to Gridley, Ill., where for six years he rented a large tract of land known as the Mike Belsley estate, after which he rented land of Joseph Belsley, on which place he made his home for several years.

A year after undertaking this last enterprise, on Feb. 2, 1879, he was married to Miss Emilie Schmid, daughter of David and Barbara (Mathir) Schmid. Mrs. Kuntz has been a close and congenial companion to her husband, and

to her earnest efforts is due a large portion of the material prosperity that has come to him since the time of his marriage.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kuntz have been born seven sons and six daughters, as follows: John B., born Feb. 29, 1880; Joseph and Samuel, born April 10, 1881, and both now married, Samuel being married June 2, 1902, to Mary Berger, and Joseph being married Feb. 9, 1903, to Emma Berger; Mary, born Aug. 2, 1882, and married Jan. 27, 1902, to August Zippe; Jacob, born Oct. 26, 1884; David, born Feb. 13, 1886; Daniel, born Aug. 3, 1887; Elizabeth, born Aug. 24, 1888; Anna, born Sept. 4, 1889, and died at the age of thirteen months; Lena, born Nov. 14, 1890; Emma, born Dec. 15, 1892; Christian, born Nov. 19, 1895; and Emilia, born Nov. 16, 1896.

In 1903, Mr. Kuntz brought his family from Illinois to Iowa, coming to Huron township, Des Moines county, where he bought the large tract of fine land on which he now lives. He bought the land from George Ditto, buying one hundred and eighty-seven acres in Section 5, and seventeen acres in Section 4. He has improved the land greatly since he came into possession of it; not only cultivating it in such a manner as to keep up its natural fertility instead of exhausting the soil, but also building a very desirable house and a fine barn.

Mr. and Mrs. Kuntz are faithful members of the Christian Apostolic church, doing much to advance the cause of religion in their community, and in their own family showing an example of humble Christian piety, faith, and charity. In their beautiful home life, and by their

cordial hospitality, they have merited the respect and admiration of all, and of them it may be said that few or none in this section are doing more to keep up a wholesome family life and sturdy integrity of citizenship that make the solid foundations of our nation.

PETER AUGUST MUNSON.

AMONG the thousands who are flocking to our land from beyond the sea, year after year, we are always glad to welcome those who claim the Scandinavian countries as their natal lands; for long experience has taught that they bring in those qualities of strength, pertinacity, and endurance that have been of such value in opening up new lands to civilization, and in keeping up the standards in older lands. Of this class Peter A. Munson is a representative, who from a humble position has by his own resources and determination of character advanced to a prominent place in agricultural circles in Des Moines county.

Mr. Munson was born in Ostergothland, Kesa, Sweden, on Nov. 3, 1835, the son of Mangus and Magdalena (Peterson) Abrahamson. The circumstances of the home life were such that Mr. Munson had very limited opportunities for acquiring an education. The most of the book learning that he received was from the instruction of his mother, who taught him to read, and gave him such instruction as she could in the midst of her busy life. He learned to write from a man whom his father, together with some neighbors, employed for a few

months as a tutor, expressly to teach their children the art of penmanship. The father was a farmer, and brought his son up with a thorough knowledge of the practical side of agriculture, so that he has always chosen to follow this occupation.

Mr. Munson came to America in 1808, located for a few weeks in Illinois, and then came to Iowa. His industry and thrift were of such an advantage to him that from the very beginning success crowned his efforts, so that by 1870, on his removal to Huron township, he was able to buy a small farm of twenty acres. Year by year, through his careful management and practical business knowledge, added prosperity has come to him, until now he has one hundred and twenty acres of fertile farm land in Section 16. He has put all the improvements on this place, including a dug well, a well-built comfortable six-room house, a commodious horse-barn, one large combination hay-barn and cattle-shed, as well as other smaller buildings. Although he devotes most of his time to general farming, he raises some cattle, keeping stock of high breed. He has about thirty head of cattle, of Hereford and Polled Angus breeds, and about forty-five head of hogs, Poland China and Duroc Jersey breeds mixed.

Mr. Munson was united in marriage on Nov. 10, 1868, to Miss Charlotte Carlson, daughter of Johanna and Charles Anderson, she being also a native of Sweden. To them have been born nine children, one of whom, Anna, died at the age of eighteen months. The living children are: Charles August, whose home is in Nebraska; Betsey Amelia, wife of Emil Oakland; Peter Albert, of Chicago,

Ill.; Frank Oscar, of Nebraska; Anna Matilda, of Burlington; and Fred, John Edward, and Mary, at home.

In his political affiliations, Mr. Munson was formerly a Democrat, but of later years, after long, careful study and consideration of the underlying principles of the leading parties, he has decided that the platform of the Republican party more thoroughly expresses his ideas of the best form of popular government. Mr. and Mrs. Munson have won a high place in the regard of their neighbors by their cordial hospitality and genial ways. Starting empty-handed in life, Mr. Munson has won his way to his present position in the world by his own ability, energy, and merit. To him alone belongs the credit for what he has achieved.

JOHN A. LOFQUIST.

JOHN A. LOFQUIST, of the Burlington firm of Salter & Lofquist, merchant tailors, was born July 8, 1861, at Upsala, Sweden, the eldest of a family of four sons and one daughter, of whom, besides himself, the father, mother, and daughter still survive, and the parents reside on a farm four and one-half American miles from Upsala, the father being seventy-three years of age, and the mother in her seventy-first year. Although he himself has never engaged in agriculture, he is descended from a long line of ancestors who were all farmers, and is presumptive heir to a landed estate in Sweden which was granted to his maternal great-grandfather for distinguished service to the state. The estate, which the government exempts from all taxes, has de-

scended from generation to generation, and in the event of the demise of the present proprietor, will descend to our subject.

Mr. Lofquist received a good education in the common schools of his native country, but at the age of ten began learning the trade which he has since followed, taking employment at Upsala with Ryden Frolund, the leading firm of that city. He served an apprenticeship of three years, and then entered the employ of another firm, with which he continued for four years. In 1880, wishing to benefit by the superior opportunities of the New World, he came to America, locating in the city of New York, where he worked for a period of sixteen years. At the expiration of this time he invested his savings in a business at Newark, N. J., continuing there for four years with fair success; but having a desire to test the business possibilities of the West, he removed, first to Quincy, Ill., and in 1898 to this city, where he worked for the firm of Salter & Phillips during the first year. The present firm was formed when he purchased the interest of Mr. Phillips in 1899, and has been successful in the highest degree, being one of the two leading merchant-tailoring houses of Burlington and of eastern Iowa, and enjoying an immense volume of patronage, which is ever increasing at a very satisfactory rate.

In 1883 Mr. Lofquist was united in marriage with Miss Emma Carlson, a native of Sweden, who came to America in 1876 at the age of twelve years, and to them have been born one son and two daughters, these being Emanuel, Esther, and Ruth. Mr. and Mrs. Lofquist are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in whose work they bear an active and helpful part, and Mr. Lofquist has desirable fraternal con-

nections, being a member of Washington Lodge, No. 1, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the local organization of the Modern Woodmen of America. By his business ability he has achieved a very considerable success — one of which any man might be proud, and attained high rank in the business circles of Burlington; while his frankness and unfailing courtesy have won for him the general respect and many friends.

Since the above was written Mr. Lofquist has severed his connection with the firm, and has removed to Stronghurst, Ill.

ANDREW PETER ANDERSON.

AMONG the many citizens of Swedish birth, to whose virile strength, endurance, and ability to overcome all hardships of nature Des Moines county owes so much of her present-day prosperity, the name of Andrew P. Anderson stands out prominently as a worthy example of what a man can accomplish by his own unaided effort, when he is gifted by nature with pluck and determination to succeed. From the most lowly of beginnings, Mr. Anderson has fought his way up the ladder of success, round by round, till now he occupies a position that many a man, not handicapped in the beginning as Mr. Anderson was, may well envy.

Andrew Peter Anderson, son of Andrew Samuelson and Eva E. (Ericks-daughter) Anderson, was born Jan. 30, 1845, in Erstartdland, Sweden. He was brought up as a farmer, working like a slave. He came to America in 1880, and worked on a farm by the month until he

could accumulate enough money to bring his wife and family to America, who came in 1881. After the coming of his family, he rented farms in Des Moines county for a number of years. He has made his home in Iowa for twenty-five years.

His excellent management, constant industry, and careful economy made his success certain from the start, and by 1892 he had accumulated enough money to purchase from John Swanson a large farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Section 27, which he now owns. His prosperity has never left him, but has increased from year to year, as is evidenced by the many improvements that he has made on the place since it came into his possession. He has built a large and comfortable dwelling-house, new barns, and other farm buildings; has purchased the old parsonage and moved it onto the farm; and so tended the land as to increase rather than diminish its fertility; as well as making many other improvements.

Besides carrying on a very successful general farming business, he has begun to take an interest in stock-raising, having twenty-seven head of Shorthorn cattle, and twenty-eight head of Poland China hogs.

Mr. Anderson was united in marriage Feb. 28, 1871, to Miss Caroline Anderson, who was born in Sweden, May 2, 1847, the daughter of Andrew John and Anna (Johnson) Anderson. To them have been born five sons and three daughters, all living, as follows: August Oscar, born July 8, 1873; Hulda Caroline, born April 23, 1875, now the wife of A. P. Youngberg, of Fort Madison, Iowa; Albert Gottard,

born May 5, 1876, married to Miss Clara Judd, and has his home in Burlington; Alma Sophia, born Oct. 1, 1879, is now the wife of Oscar Patrick, also of Fort Madison; Ernest Emil, born Nov. 26, 1884; Charles Joseph, born Nov. 6, 1886; Eva Mary, born Nov. 15, 1888; and Frederick Otto, born May 24, 1892.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are devoted members of the Swedish Lutheran church, and have carefully trained their family up in that faith. Considering it the duty of every citizen to exercise his political privileges according to his best understanding of his own needs and those of the county, State and nation, Mr. Anderson, after becoming a citizen by naturalization, united with the Republican party, in which he has ever since been a worker. Although he has not aspired to the holding of public office, he has served his community as supervisor of highways for two years to the satisfaction of his constituents.

Mr. Anderson is possessed of a genial disposition, which, together with the reputation he enjoys for strict uprightness and integrity in all his dealings, has won for him the friendship of many, and the respect of all who know him. The record of his life achievements, showing how by constant effort and rigid determination a man may overcome obstacles of poverty and misfortune that seem almost insurmountable, may well serve as a lesson of encouragement to the young of this and succeeding generations.

Mr. Anderson has never had any trouble in any way, never allowing anything to be brought into court. He believes that honesty is the best policy, and to avoid trouble saves money.

HENRY J. TAEGER.

HENRY J. TAEGER has resided in Burlington since 1854. Thus more than half a century has come and gone since his arrival, and throughout this long period he has been an interested witness of the development and progress of the city, sharing in the improvement and endorsing all measures for the public good. As a pioneer resident, whose life has been active, useful, and honorable, he well deserves mention in this volume. He was born in Prussia, Germany, Nov. 9, 1826, and came to America in 1854. The old-time sailing vessel in which he took passage came by way of Quebec, Canada, and was eight weeks on the water. As this country was new in those days, there were very few bridges, and railroad facilities being limited, nearly all streams had to be crossed with skiffs, but at Davenport our subject was able to take a boat down the Mississippi River to Burlington, where he settled and established a home.

Soon after this he secured the position of watchman at the First National Bank, and night after night for nearly thirty-eight long years Mr. Taeger could be seen carrying his lunch to his place of duty, where he rendered such valuable service to his employers while the major part of the city's good people were resting from their daily labor. Mr. Taeger was married to Miss Mary Poggeman in 1855. Her birth occurred in May, 1823. This union was blessed with four children: Mary Bertha married Herman Suesens, who was born in Oldenburg, Germany. Mr. Suesens received a fair education in the common schools, and when quite a boy began to learn the trade of a blacksmith, but did not finish till after he came to America. In 1872 he located in

Burlington, and became an employee of Funk & Hertzler's wagon shop, where he remained till he had completed his trade. After this he worked seven years in the blacksmith department of the Murray Iron Works, and two years at the C. B. & Q. R. R. shop. On account of poor health, Mr. Suesens was compelled to give up his trade, and opened a grocery store on the corner of Locust and Ninth Streets; but change of business did not improve his health much, nor for very long, for after conducting this grocery two years he died of heart trouble April 14, 1892. He was an honored member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, Lincoln Lodge. He was also an active member of the St. Lucas church on Fourteenth Street, being the treasurer of the Sunday-school at the time of his death. Politically, he was a Democrat, but his close attention to business, together with poor health, barred him from ever aspiring to office. Besides his widow, Mr. Suesens left the following children: Alfred H., secretary for the superintendent of the C. B. & Q. R. R.; Josephine; Benjamin, aged eighteen, who occupies a position with the Burlington Fuel Company; Mary, a student in the high school; and John, who attends the South Hill school. Henry and Fred Taeger, sons of our subject, were twins, and died when very young; Charles, the youngest son, is a liquor dealer on Third Street. Mrs. Taeger died Jan. 20, 1894, aged seventy years. Since then Mr. Taeger has made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Suesens, at 713 South Ninth Street.

He is a member of the South Hill Lutheran church, which he assisted to organize, and of which he has been deacon ever since its organization. Politically, he is a Democrat, but prefers to vote for the best

man qualified for office. He has seen Burlington grow from three or four thousand to a city of nearly thirty thousand, and has always been deeply interested in the progress, development, and improvement of the county. Noting the main features in his career, the reader can not do otherwise than render him respect and admiration, and those who have been actively associated with him give him their warm regard, confidence, and friendship.

FRED W. STEFFENER.

ONE of the leading farmers of Benton township, and one known throughout the county for his ability, social qualities, and sterling character, is Fred W. Steffener, the subject of this sketch. He was born in Adams county, Illinois, July 20, 1864, the son of Fred William and Anna (Hust) Steffener.

The father was born in Germany in 1813, the mother being born at the same place on April 25, 1814. They were married in Germany. Recognizing the superior resources of the New World, and wishing to profit by the opportunities that it offered, they came to America in 1854, locating in Adams county, Illinois, at the city of Quincy. Here the father pursued the calling of stone-mason, which was his trade throughout his entire life. He lived only ten years after coming to the New World, dying at his home in Quincy in 1864. The mother is still living, and makes her home in Quincy, now being the wife of William Finger.

Mr. Steffener has one brother, William

H., a single man, living at Newark, Ohio, where he has a lucrative position as foreman in a packing house.

Our subject received his education in the public schools of Quincy, Ill. Being impelled partially by the fact of his father's early death, but still more by the promptings of his own native ambition, he began to work for himself when only a boy. His first position was in a tobacco factory, where he began work as a stripper, his wages being three dollars a week. When he grew a little older, he obtained work in a planing mill. On attaining to years of maturity, he was attracted to the free and peaceful life of the farm. Accordingly he came to Iowa, locating on Section 17, Benton township, on the farm where he still resides. At first he leased the place, taking it for a term of seventeen years. Two years ago he, with his wife, bought out the interest of the other heirs to the place, purchasing it from the estate of H. H. Miller. This is a large tract of one hundred and forty-eight acres of the excellent arable farm land for which Iowa is so noted; and in addition to this large farm, at the same time he purchased another tract of about eighty acres in Section 18. Since first coming upon this land, he has brought it to a high degree of cultivation, and has made many improvements that have not only helped this one farm but have tended to the bettering of conditions for the entire community.

Mr. Steffener was married on March 1, 1886, to Miss Johanna Miller, daughter of H. H. and Anna M. (Keker) Miller. Mrs. Steffener's parents are both deceased, and are buried in Loper cemetery. Mr. Miller was well known, be-

ing one of the earliest settlers in the township, and was very prominent in local affairs. He came to this neighborhood in 1846, and first settled for three years on South Hill, when Burlington was only a tiny hamlet of a few houses. He then bought land and made his home in Benton township. Mr. Miller lived to see astonishing changes in Des Moines county, and did not a small part of the work that brought about the many improvements. He was a member of the Lutheran church, and very active in carrying forward the aggressive work of the church. He was a conscientious, law-abiding citizen, always allied with the cause of right, and always ready to do his duty at the polls, although he never cared to become a candidate for office in any capacity.

Mr. and Mrs. Steffener are the parents of six children, as follows: Anna, born March 8, 1887, and married to Otto Wunnenberg June 14, 1905; William, born Aug. 2, 1889; Roy, born Oct. 8, 1892; Frances, born Aug. 25, 1897; Frieda, born April 5, 1899; and Mary, born Feb. 14, 1902.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Steffener were raised in the communion of the Lutheran church, and are themselves devoted members, as are the older of their children. They are excellent people, highly esteemed in the community in which they make their home, and generally respected for their many virtues. They are giving their children good educations in the public schools of the county, and are teaching them both by precept and example the lessons of the noblest, most patriotic citizenship.

In politics, Mr. Steffener allied himself

in early manhood with the Republican party, and has been a leader in the work of that party in Benton township. He has been chosen as delegate to the county convention two times, and served the best interests of the township by acting as road supervisor for four years, rendering most efficient service. By virtue of these facts, and in view of the public spirit he has manifested in many ways, Mr. Steffener is justly known as one of the most progressive and enterprising citizens of Benton township. He has many friends, who delight to do him honor, and who expect to see his sphere of usefulness grow larger and larger as the years pass by.

RUDOLPH WEINGART.

THE life record of Rudolph Weingart is an indication that success may be achieved by strong determination and energy. He started out upon his business career empty-handed, but possessed strong purpose and firm determination, and as the years have passed he has utilized his time and opportunity to the best advantage.

Mr. Weingart, a son of Joseph and Eva (Eggolf) Weingart, was born in Buldninstein, Hesse-Nassau, Germany, May 14, 1849. He interspersed his home duties with an attendance at the common schools, wherein he acquired a fair education. Laying aside his school work at the age of fourteen, he engaged to work in the noted slate mines of his native place for six years. The next two years he spent in camp duty in the German army. Going home he soon made preparations to come to America, and sailed March 9, 1873, landing in New

York, where he visited relatives for awhile, then came direct to Burlington, arriving the latter part of April. His brother-in-law, William Bock, lived here, and employed Mr. Weingart for the first summer, when our subject inherited some property, and also bought Mr. Bock's place of eight acres, now in the city, which he added to his own eight acres, and thus had some sixteen acres, whereon he farmed till Crapo Park was purchased and opened up in 1897, when he sold the city ten acres for park purposes.

He now raises small fruits and grapes, having one-fourth acre in berries and one-half acre in grapes. He also runs a confectionery stand and summer garden, both located on his property adjoining Crapo Park. The large coliseum just outside the limits of the park stands up on Mr. Weingart's property, the renters having about one acre for this use. Our subject has no reason to regret investing in this property when it was in such a rough condition, for he found it good farm land, and now it has increased in value to such an extent that in a comparatively short time Mr. Weingart will be able to retire from active business.

In 1874 he was accidentally shot, and had to lay by for a long time for his wounds to heal. Before he was fully restored to health he concluded it would be a good time to visit the land of his birth; and it was during this visit to Germany that Mr. Weingart became the husband of Miss Catherine Krouss, daughter of John and Gertrude (Ludwig) Krouss on Jan. 12, 1875. Mrs. Weingart was born in Neiderlandstein, Germany, May 12, 1854. Mr. Weingart brought his bride to Burlington in February, 1875, where their two sons

were born. Rudolph, whose birth dates back to Feb. 21, 1876, married Miss Catherine Galager, and is a switchman for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad in Burlington. John, who first saw the light of day on Aug. 15, 1880, married Miss Lena Cramer, and is a fireman on the Alton Railroad.

Both these sons were educated in the Catholic and public schools of their birth-place. Politically, Mr. Weingart is an independent, and as every true American citizen should do, keeps well posted on the questions and issues of the day, but he has never aspired to public office. He and his wife are members of St. John's German Catholic church of Burlington, and he gives his aid and co-operation not only to the church, but also to other movements of his fellow-men and for the progress of town and county in which he has lived so long, and of which he commands the confidence and respect.

HENRY W. STADTLANDER.

THE business enterprises of Burlington, Iowa, occupy a commanding position in eastern Iowa and contiguous territory, and one of the most influential among their number is the H. W. Stadtlander Hardware Company at 902 North Oak Street, organized Jan. 10, 1905, by H. W. Stadtlander and Joseph Schneider, and handling a general line of builders' hardware. A tinshop is conducted in connection with the store, doing all kinds of sheet-metal work, as well as a large amount of furnace work. Mr. Stadtlander is the son of William Stadtlander, now residing near Aurora, Ill., and Sophia (Woepking) Stadtlander,

who is now deceased, her demise having occurred in 1880. A native of Burlington, Mr. Stadtlander was born Nov. 3, 1872, and began his education in the public schools of this city, also attending the parochial school for a time, while he later entered Elliott's Business College.

During the time in which he was attending school, Mr. Stadtlander devoted his spare moments to work in the tinshop of his uncle, William Woepking, with whom he made his home, and thus he learned the valuable trade which has since formed the basis of his highly successful business. He continued his work with Mr. Woepking until the death of the latter in 1901, and then entered the employ of his brother, Theodore Woepking, who still conducts a shop, and was in his employ until he founded the independent business which now claims his attention. On April 20, 1893, he wedded Miss Marie J. Sieben, daughter of Henry and Marie (Luebbe) Sieben, and they have three children: Edna, aged eleven years; Le Roy, aged nine years; and Mildred, aged six years. In his fraternal connection, Mr. Stadtlander has been a member of the Burlington organization of the Modern Woodmen of America, Camp No. 98, for the past nine years, is one of the present managers of the local camp, and for a number of years held the office of special auditor. He is also an active and influential member of the Royal Neighbors. Politically a Republican, he has ever been a most firm believer in the principles of that great party, and has manifested unswerving loyalty to its chosen leaders. A man of practical ability, he has been a very useful worker in the ranks, and has attained to a position of influence in party affairs. In November, 1904, he was

appointed by Mayor Caster to the vacancy caused by the death of T. B. Swigert as councilman for the First Ward, and although his tenure of the office is yet short, he has already demonstrated the possession of those rare qualities which lead to success in public life. While he is still a young man, Mr. Stadtlander has a wide acquaintance throughout the city, enjoys a gratifying degree of popularity, and is genuinely esteemed for his solid qualities and upright, unfailing integrity.

WILLIAM JAMES REID.

WILLIAM JAMES REID, one of the leading farmers of Flint River township, has had the honor of serving as constable of the township for six consecutive years. He is a son of John and Martha (Herrill) Reid, and was born on the farm where he now lives Aug. 25, 1848. His father came from Kentucky to Iowa in 1836, and settled in Flint River township. His mother was born in Tennessee, Nov. 1, 1825, and came with her parents to this township when but ten years old. When her father Coleman C. Herrill, settled in the above-named township Indians were camped everywhere, and wild game of all kinds abounded in great numbers. Mr. Reid's parents were married in Flint River township, and were the parents of eight children: Emma, died aged fourteen; William J.; Isaac, on the old home farm; Eli, a foreman for the Texas Railroad in Texas; John, died July 5, 1900, at the age of forty-four years; George, died when seventeen years of age; Lizzie Jane, married Frank Griffith, and resides

in Wayne county, Nebr.; Henry C. and Edward A., both carpenters, and live with their aged mother on the old homestead. The latter married Laura Pietzsch, a sketch of whose family appears on another page in this book. They have five children: Esther A.; Edward A.; Mable E.; John, and Martha. Mr. Reid's father was a life-long Baptist, as is also his aged mother.

Our subject received a substantial education in the Prairie Grove school of his township, was reared under the paternal roof, and learned to be a competent farmer with his father. He now has seventy-five acres of good farm land in Section 24, the most of which is under cultivation. He is engaged in general farming and the raising of stock, and has always been very successful, and the whole place is one of method and neatness. Mr. Reid is an active and conscientious member of the Congregational church in West Burlington, where he has been deacon, trustee, Sunday-school superintendent, and in fact has held all of the offices of the church except that of pastor. He has always been very active in politics, and has given his hearty support and votes to the Republican party, only missing one vote since he was eligible as a voter. After serving as constable for six years,—from 1897 to 1903,—he declined to serve any longer. Mr. Reid has the esteem and confidence of all who know him.

CHARLES JOHN ADOLPHSON.

CHARLES JOHN ADOLPHSON is one of the industrious and highly respected foreigners who left their native land and came to Amer-

ica, arriving here nearly forty years ago. His parents were natives of Sweden, in which kingdom Mr. Adolphson was born June 14, 1841. He is a son of Adolph and Louisa (Berkland) Adolphson, who were well-to-do farmers, and were thus able to give their son a substantial education in the district schools of his birthplace. Charles John decided to follow in the footsteps of his father, and accordingly chose the life of a farmer as a means of maintaining himself. For many years after he finished school he remained on the home farm. About 1869 there were a great many of his countrymen coming to the United States, and hearing of the rich farm lands in Iowa and Illinois, Mr. Adolphson decided to become an American. He first located in Henderson county, Illinois, where he remained for some time. In 1894 he came to Des Moines county, and at once bought one hundred and ninety acres in Yellow Springs township, all in Section 29 except forty acres in Section 28.

Mr. Adolphson has yet to regret coming to Iowa, as he has been very prosperous, and is gradually accumulating something of this world's goods for a rainy day, which all men expect sometime during life's journey. He now has a comfortable home on a well-improved farm, and is acknowledged as a very thrifty tiller of the soil. He is also a breeder of fine thoroughbred stock, and feeds about sixty head of Polled Angus cattle and fifty head of hogs annually, besides raising nearly all the necessary provisions for his large family.

Mr. Adolphson was married to Miss Johanna Armanda Johnson, daughter of John and Sarah (Jones) Johnson. Mrs. Adolphson was born in Sweden, May 21, 1850, coming to America when nineteen years old, and located in Oquawka, Ill., in which vil-



CHARLES J. ADOLPHSON AND FAMILY.

lage her marriage took place. This union has been blessed with eight children, all except one of whom are living: Elmer Alexander, born Dec. 22, 1870, married Miss Anna Lindhl, has two children, Harold Raymond and Carl Lindhl, and is a farmer living near Morning Sun, Louisa county; Anna Mary, born Dec. 19, 1872, is at home; Jennie Emily, born May 23, 1874, is Mrs. John Lee, of Washington township, and has two children, Edna Vivene and Everett Virgil; Ida Cecilia, born July 25, 1877, is the wife of George Piper, resides in Yellow Springs township, and has two children, Lela Geneva and Daisy Arkena; Amanda Amelia, born May 8, 1880, married Theodore Davis, of Huron township, and has one child, Fern Alvera; Bessie Arkena, born June 29, 1883, and died May 16, 1884; Harry Arnold, born Nov. 1, 1885, is at home; Dulcie Viola, born Sept. 8, 1893, also at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolphson are devoted attendants of the Swedish Lutheran church. In politics he has ever been a strong Republican, but has never cared to hold office; yet he has felt it a duty to do all in his power to promote the best interests of his chosen party. Ever since Mr. Adolphson located in Des Moines county his friends have been pleased to note his prosperity in business, and are also cognizant of the fact that each day he is adding a golden link to the chain of his character that will bring to himself and those most dear to him joys beyond description.

JOHN MALCHOW.

JOHN MALCHOW, a highly respected and honored citizen of Huron township, came to America over fifty years ago, and by

his honest, industrious labor has accumulated some of the material things that tend to add ease and comfort in his old age.

He is a son of Joseph and Dora (Frazee) Malchow, and was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, April 26, 1826. After attending the common schools in his native home, he spent his early boyhood on his father's farm. In 1853 he came to America by way of New York, and settled in Laporte, Laporte county, Ind. Here he commenced his work in his adopted home as a laborer on a farm, which continued for a year and eight months. About this time he moved to the city of Laporte, and embarked in the railroad business, first acting as brakeman on the Lake Shore & Northern Indiana Railroad. Four years thus employed convinced him of the fact that he preferred the life of a farmer, and he accordingly purchased forty acres of farm land in Laporte county, Indiana, where he farmed for some four years, until the war broke out in 1861, when he moved again to the city, and hired a substitute to take his place. After remaining in the city for four years, he went back to his first love,—his farm in the country,—where he stayed two years, and then sold it.

After a year's residence on another place, he decided he would try his fortune in the West, and at once moved to Burlington, Iowa, where he began to work as a laborer for the Foote Woolen Mills. At the end of two years he once more realized the fact that he was cut out for a farmer, and took up his abode a mile south of Dodgeville, and was so successful in his farming operations as to be able to purchase eighty acres of

good farm land in Benton township. This he cleared and greatly improved, and called home for fifteen years, each year adding more to it, till he had one hundred and eighty acres. He enlarged his possessions by buying three hundred and forty acres of land in the following townships: Two hundred and forty acres in Section 36, in Huron township, and fifty-six acres in Benton and Jackson townships, on which he built a large ten-room house, one barn thirty by forty feet, and another forty by twenty-six feet, also corn-cribs and cattle-sheds, thus improving his place in general, and giving it an entirely different appearance from that which it presented when he bought it. Mr. Malchow kept about fifty head of cattle, seventy-five head of hogs, and raised a few Clyde horses, besides carrying on general farming.

During these prosperous years in America Mr. Malchow has been assisted by a faithful and devoted wife, since Jan. 12, 1854, until March 13, 1904, when death claimed her, and left a void in the home. Mrs. Malchow's maiden name was Mary E. Buhle, and was a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Buhle, both natives of Germany, where both lived and died. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Malchow three children were born: John Henry, born March 26, 1855, died at the age of fourteen years, and is buried in Aspen Grove cemetery in Burlington, Iowa; Charles, born March, 1857, and passed away when two years of age; Louis Henry, born Jan. 30, 1864, married Miss Mary E. Wunnenberg, daughter of Henry and Emily Wunnenberg, born in Benton township, May 25, 1864, and they are parents of three children: Viola Leonor Vena, born Jan. 29,

1896; John Piermont, born June 20, 1898; and Louis Ivan, born July 25, 1901.

Mr. and Mrs. Malchow live at the home place with his father. They are members of the German Lutheran church. By the upright course in life which Mr. Malchow has ever chosen, he has made many friends, and is held in the highest esteem in the county.

DANIEL W. McLANE.

DANIEL W. McLANE, now widely and favorably known in the business circles of Burlington, has attained to his present enviable position through a steady rise. His worth and capability winning ready recognition, he has found in each promotion opportunity for further development and for the acquisition of broader knowledge concerning business methods. To-day he is an extensive manufacturer and jobber of fountain pens, blank books, office supplies, specialties, etc., and his enterprise, capable management, and industry are the potent factors in the development of a business which has already brought him gratifying success.

He was born in Kankakee, Ill., July 15, 1852, a son of Rev. Noah and Mary A. (Hertz) McLane, the father having been a native of Ohio and by profession a minister of the German Methodist church. During his latter years he led a retired life, having relinquished the work of the ministry on account of ill health, his throat being affected. His death occurred in Kankakee in 1869. The mother, who was born at Reading, Pa., survived him, and now resides at Cabery, Ill., near Kankakee.

To them were born three sons and three daughters, as follows: Mary J. McLane, deceased; Mrs. R. C. Breneisa, of Cabery, Ill.; D. W., the subject of this review; John W., of Kankakee, Ill.; Milton N., a resident of Burlington, and a conductor on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad; and Ida E., who died at the age of twenty-seven.

It was in the public schools of his native city that D. W. McLane received his formal education, and while still a pupil in the schools he displayed that spirit of enterprise which has marked his whole career, by securing employment in a planing mill, thus adding materially to the family income and at the same time learning the lessons of industry and faithful application to which he owes his right to the somewhat trite but still expressive title of self-made man. In 1875, with the object of improving his condition and attaining to a broader range of opportunity, he came to Burlington and entered the employ of R. T. Root, book publisher, with whom he remained for eight years as a member of the office force, after which he acted as shipping clerk for the Gilbert Hedge Lumber Company for a short time. He then began traveling as a sales agent for Dodge & Dodge, attorneys and collecting agents, of Burlington, and when the firm was afterward changed to Catlett & Pilling he still continued in its employ for a number of years, having charge of a territory comprising the whole of Illinois and part of Iowa, and building up a very satisfactory business.

But believing that still greater rewards awaited him in other fields of endeavor, about the year 1883 he began selling office sundries and all kinds of blank books, especially those requiring special ruling.

Beginning on a comparatively small scale, he kept constantly adding to his line of sundries until it included almost the entire range of office conveniences and supplies, and meanwhile the business increased so rapidly in volume under his fostering supervision that in a few years he was compelled to relinquish his work as traveling salesman and to remain in the office and occupy himself exclusively with the care of detail and management. He now has several traveling salesmen and also salesladies regularly employed, besides a number of others who carry his stock as a side line. It was in 1900 that he abandoned the work of the road for that of the office, and since that time he has given his attention principally to supervising the work of agents and to training salesmen for the duties of their position. He has a reputation for exemplary treatment of his subordinates, and it is a fact that speaks volumes for his fairness and liberality that some of the salesmen in his employ have been traveling in his interest for as long a period as eighteen years — almost two decades of continuous service.

At Burlington, in 1882, Mr. McLane was united in marriage to Miss Eleanor C. Woolley, who was born in England, the daughter of Moses and Charlotte Woolley. The father is now deceased, his death having occurred in England, but Mrs. Woolley still survives, and is a resident of Mount Pleasant, while Mrs. McLane has also one brother on this side the Atlantic — Fred W. Woolley, of Summerside, British North America. To Mr. and Mrs. McLane have been born one daughter and two sons: Grace E., who is a student in the South Hill School; Arthur D., also a student; and Charles F., who is attending public school. The family occupies a pleasant home at

312 South Seventh Street, where Mr. McLane also has his office, and where their many friends enjoy a cultured hospitality.

In addition to his other business connections, Mr. McLane is a stockholder and director of the J. M. Scott Hardware Company, one of the notable institutions of Burlington. In his political affiliation a member of the Republican party, he has never cared to assume the responsibilities of office in his own person, and although he has a number of times been solicited to become the representative of his party in the contest for representation in the city council, he has constantly refused. Nevertheless, the higher interests of mankind have always appealed strongly to his humanitarian principles, and he is a member and active worker in the First Methodist Episcopal church, contributing generously to its support, and lending his encouragement to the various phases of its work. As to material accomplishment, he has to his credit a record of which the most able might well be proud, and he stands as a representative of that class of American citizens who find in necessity, competition, and intricate business conditions the spur of ambition and the stimulus of effort that lead to large successes.

WILLIAM H. CARTWRIGHT.

WM. H. CARTWRIGHT, a well-known citizen of Mediapolis, Des Moines county, Iowa, comes from a family whose name has been a household word throughout the West for almost three-fourths of a century. He can trace his ancestry back for many generations. Wm. Cartwright, of Normandy, was father of a son also

named William, born in Wales. He had a son Edward, born in Ireland, who was the father of Bryant, born in Martha's Vineyard. The latter also had a son Bryant, born in the same place, who was the father of James, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch.

James Cartwright was a native of Rhode Island, born July 10, 1772, four years before the commencement of the Revolutionary War. His first impression was doubtless in connection with that war, and the stirring events which followed, resulting in the formation of the American Union. An ardent patriot, a lover of liberty, he left the impress of his character upon all his children, some of whom have since become distinguished in church and state. Reared upon a farm, and breathing the pure air of heaven, he became strong of limb and strong of mind. In early life he made a confession of faith, and united with the Baptist church. Having a love for the cause of his Master, he entered the ministry, and, as opportunity afforded him, preached the Word.

In 1793 he was united in marriage with Miss Catharine Tryon, who bore him eleven children, all of whom grew to be adults: Clarissa, born April, 1794, died unmarried; Anna, born Dec. 6, 1802, married Dr. Doran, of Chenango county, New York, and died in 1865; Wm. Tryon, born May, 1804; James H., born Feb. 27, 1808, died at Omaha, Nebr., in 1878; Barton H., born March 9, 1810, who for many years has been known as a pioneer Methodist Episcopal preacher in Oregon, Ill.; Silas D., born March 30, 1812, died at Agency City, Iowa, in 1856; Darius B., born Jan. 8, 1814, died at Drain, Ore.,

in 1865; Catharine, born Sept. 9, 1818, married W. Collins, and died in New York; Almira, born Dec. 21, 1820, married Isaiah Messenger, and died in New York. The mother of these children was born March 26, 1775, died May 6, 1852, and was buried in Kossuth cemetery, in Yellow Springs township, Des Moines county, Iowa.

In 1822 James Cartwright exchanged some property in the State of New York, where he was then residing, for land in the military tract of Illinois, comprising about two sections, and at once came West to look after his purchase. While here he was taken sick, and with a friend went in a canoe down Spoon River to the Illinois River, and down that stream to the present site of Griggsville, Pike county, Ill., where he died, after an illness of eight days, being unable to secure the services of a physician. His remains were interred on a bluff, four miles below Griggsville, at a place known as Edward's Ferry. In the fall of 1887 Wm. H. Cartwright, a grandson, whose name heads this sketch, had his remains removed, and on the 22d day of November they were interred beside those of his beloved wife, in the cemetery at Kossuth, Iowa.

Daniel G., the second child and first son of James and Catharine Cartwright, was born in Sempronius, N. Y., March 27, 1796, and grew to manhood on his father's farm, receiving a limited education in the public schools of his native State. In 1820 he married Melinda Messenger, also a native of New York, born July 10, 1804. Eight children were born to them: Wm. H., our subject; James R., born Oct. 20, 1826; Clarissa H., born

May 6, 1829, and became the wife of I. J. Crowder; Hiram M., born Nov. 10, 1831; Daniel C., born June 29, 1834; Catharine, born Oct. 9, 1837, now Mrs. Washington Johnson; Nelson K., born July 22, 1840; P. Jane, born April 10, 1843, became the wife of A. W. Job.

At the age of thirty-five Daniel united with the Methodist Episcopal church, and soon developed a talent for public speaking. Believing the West afforded a greater opportunity for the exercise of his talents, and a better field for gathering souls into the kingdom of Christ, he determined to move, and in 1835 came with his family to Warren county, Illinois, where he remained until the following year, when he came to Des Moines county, Iowa, which afterward continued to be his home. He first located in Union township, where he purchased a partially improved farm, on which the family lived until 1845, when he sold out and bought two hundred and forty acres in Yellow Springs township, which he brought to a high state of cultivation. Here the family lived until 1857, when they moved near Kossuth. In 1866, the family having scattered, the old folks broke up housekeeping and made their home with their son, Wm. H.

On coming West Mr. C. united with the Methodist Episcopal church, and in the spring of 1836 was assigned to the Iowa circuit, which embraced all the inhabited parts of Iowa, then a portion of Wisconsin Territory. As the Territory increased in population new circuits and new stations were formed, and he was assigned a circuit embracing all of Iowa north of the Iowa River. The hardships endured while a circuit rider, traveling on

horseback hundreds of miles, his regular appointments being scores of miles apart, and the houses of worship the rude cabin of the pioneers, can scarcely be described, while it would be impossible for the reader to realize them. The toils and privations were counted as naught by him, the good of his fellow-men being his sole desire. "Christ and him crucified," was his theme, and it was a pleasure to him to break the bread of life to hungry souls. After being fully tried, and found "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth," he was, on Sept. 14, 1839, ordained a deacon in the Methodist Episcopal church by Bishop Thomas A. Morris, of Illinois. As a deacon in the church, his opportunities for usefulness were greatly enlarged, and no duty did he ever shirk. With a strong voice, cultivated and strengthened by much outdoor speaking, with a zeal born of love to God and his fellow-men, every talent that he possessed was devoted to the cause of his Saviour.

The church in that early day was poor as respects this world's goods, though rich in the faith, and those laboring for the Master were compelled, like those in apostolic times, almost to labor without money and without price. That his family might live, and that they might be provided with some of the comforts of life, he was compelled to carry on farming with the aid of his good wife and their elder sons. In fact, the farm work was left almost exclusively to the children, who did their part well.

Living in a day when the slavery question was, outside the Gospel, the most important one to engage the minds of the people, he took strong grounds against

the institution, especially against its introduction into free territory. Believing it a great wrong, he did not hesitate to express his views in regard to it; and in the division of the church occasioned by the slavery question, he took his stand with those that believed that "all men were created with certain inalienable rights," among which were "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." On the temperance question he was no less outspoken, urging upon the people the necessity of abstaining from the use of alcoholic drinks, declaring, with the apostle, that "no drunkard can inherit the kingdom of heaven."

After living a truly Christian life for almost half a century, engaging the greater part of the time in the self-sacrificing life of a pioneer minister of the gospel, this good man passed to his heavenly reward at the house of his son William, Jan. 14, 1873, in the seventy-seventh year of his age. Of him it can be truly said, in the words of the Scriptures, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." His wife survived him eleven years, dying Nov. 24, 1884. A noble Christian woman, she was truly a helpmeet for the one she loved, and bore without a murmur the sacrifices required of one who was the wife of a pioneer preacher.

Wm. H., eldest son of Daniel G. and Melinda Cartwright, was born in Chenango county, New York, Aug. 20, 1823. When twelve years of age he came West with his parents to Warren county, Illinois, and then in the spring of 1836 to Des Moines county, Iowa, which has

since been his home. Being the eldest of the family, and his father usually from home engaged in the ministerial work, from the time he was thirteen years of age the management of the farm devolved upon him. With the help of his younger brothers, he improved his father's farm in Union township, where the family first settled, and where they remained until 1845, moving thence to Yellow Springs township. In his work he was guided by the wise counsel of his mother, a woman of strong mind and hopeful courage, and whose Christian example was felt by every member of the household.

As manager of his father's farm he continued until the fall of 1849, when, in company with his brother-in-law, J. J. Crowder, he opened a general merchandise store in Kossuth, the first store opened in that village. With a few interruptions, he continued in business in that place for a period of twenty years. About the time he commenced business in Kossuth, the country became greatly excited over the discovery of gold in California, and the "California fever" spread with lightning-like rapidity throughout the land. Mr. C. was not exempt, and in the spring of 1850, with an ox-team, accompanied by others, he crossed the plains, leaving his home on the 7th of March, and arriving at his destination July 4 of the same year, being about four months on the road.

He remained in this new Eldorado about nine months, engaged in mining, and then returned home by way of the Isthmus of Panama and the Mississippi River, to Burlington. Going to Kossuth he again resumed the merchandise busi-

ness, in which he continued with success for many years.

March 14, 1852, he was united in marriage with Miriam Fullenwider, a native of Kentucky, born April 8, 1828, and daughter of Rev. Samuel Fullenwider. She has borne him eight children: H. Beecher, a merchant of Santa Fé, N. Mex.; C. Ellen, born Oct. 25, 1853; Narcissa J., born Nov. 10, 1854, now Mrs. S. D. Fulmer; William H., born June 10, 1857, died in California in 1873; Miriam, born Oct. 28, 1859, now Mrs. C. H. Parrett; Clarissa M., born Nov. 4, 1861, now Mrs. F. L. Huston; Anna M., born Nov. 30, 1865, now Mrs. Geo. E. Townsend; Samuel G., born June 11, 1869, also a resident of Santa Fé, N. Mex., being associated in business there with his brother, H. Beecher. Mrs. C. died Dec. 21, 1870, a devoted member of the Presbyterian church. She did well her life work, and is now at rest.

Jan. 9, 1872, Mr. C. was again united in marriage, being wedded to Miss Martha Bruce, daughter of Hon. James Bruce. Edna Bruce is their only child.

In 1869 Mr. C. purchased eighty acres of land, the present site of Mediapolis, on the line of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad, and platted the town. The store which he operated at Kossuth was removed to this place, and for some years he was actively engaged in trade. The first store he carried on until some time in 1870, when he sold out to Brown & Roberts. In 1872 he erected the building now occupied by John Anderson, and again engaged in the mercantile trade, in which he continued until 1881. He then sold out, and opened a coal mine in Green county, Iowa, in

1884, which he operated for one year and then leased it, since which time he has lived retired. Previous to this, in 1870, he had laid out the town of Rippey, Green county, Iowa.

Religiously, Mr. C. adheres to the faith of his father, and for many years has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and active in the work of the congregation. His wife is also a member of that body, and takes an active interest in all church matters. A temperance man from principle, he freely expresses himself on that question, and does not fear to let the world know it.

Politically, since the organization of the party, he has been a staunch Republican. Never an office seeker, and preferring the quiet of home life to the turmoil of politics, he has yet been honored by his fellow-citizens with such local offices as he would accept. For four years he was a member of the county board of supervisors, and also served as mayor of Mediapolis, as well as being president of the school board. Often has he represented his township and county in the conventions of his party.

As a citizen he discharges every duty devolving upon him in a faithful manner, and has ever been found ready to devote his time and means to the advancement of the town and county. As director in the Narrow Gauge Railroad, he worked zealously for its interests. In fact there is no work undertaken by him but enlists all his energies. Beginning life poor, by industry and strict integrity he has accumulated through life, while his upright character and trustworthiness have secured him the respect of his fellow-men.

JOHN STODT.

JOHN STODT, who has lived in Flint River township since 1897, is a son of John and Hannah Stodt, and was born in Kleinheilen-dorf, Germany, Dec. 23, 1839. He was reared by a very good family, and at an early age learned the weaver's trade, which he followed, and was most successful till he came to America, May 13, 1891. Here he turned his attention to farming, purchasing his present farm, known as "Snake Hollow," in 1897. This place received its name from the fact that probably there are more snakes on it than on any other farm in the township. During the short time that Mr. Stodt has lived on his place, the family have seen and killed a great number of black snakes, some of them measuring six feet long. Our subject built all the various buildings on his farm except the house, and now has the greater part of his land well under cultivation. He is well pleased with America, and thinks there is no life so independent as that of a happy farmer.

In July, 1864, Mr. Stodt became the husband of Miss Mary Nuz, daughter of Frank and Magdalena Nuz, by whom he has had nine children: Joseph; Mary, married Joseph Lutenegger; Minnie, wife of Adolph Lutenegger; Amelia, married Joseph Kaubish; John, Frank, Mollie, died in 1895; Agatha, works for Dr. Holiday; and Richard, at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Stodt were reared according to the Catholic faith, and are devout members of St. Mary's church, of West Burlington. Mr. Stodt has never held any office, yet he has always given his political allegiance to the Democratic party.

Although our subject has been in Des

Moines county only a little over ten years, yet his farm life has been very pleasant, and he has made many friends among the neighbors and town folk, who all hold Mr. Stodt in the highest regard. He is of a very active and industrious nature, and much of his success is due largely to his own efforts along these lines, and in all his dealings with men he has ever shown a disposition to be fair and just.

CHARLES JOHNSON.

CHARLES JOHNSON, who has figured in business circles in Des Moines county as a stone-mason contractor, and also in connection with general agricultural pursuits, now resides in Yellow Springs township, having since 1882 made his home on a farm on Section 31. He was born in Sweden, Oct. 16, 1839, his parents being John and Anna (Olson) Johnson, who were also natives of that country.

Our subject pursued his education in the public schools of Sweden, and after putting aside his text-books learned the stone-mason's trade, which he has since followed. He worked there for a number of years, but thinking there was little opportunity for business advancement or the acquirement of a competence, he determined to try his fortune in America, and in 1869 sailed for the New World.

He made his way at once to Burlington, Iowa, and continued to reside in that city until 1882, when he bought a farm of thirty acres in Section 31, Yellow Springs township, from John L. Thomas. He has since made his home on this place,

but much of his attention has been given to contracting as a stone-mason. He has done considerable work of this character in Des Moines county, and is considered a good mechanic. He has also followed general farming since locating at his present home, and has put all of the improvements upon his place, where he now has an attractive residence. His unfaltering industry and unabating energy are well-known characteristics of his business career, and have been the basis of all the success he has enjoyed.

On April 21, 1867, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Eva Anderson, a daughter of Andrus Olson and Sarah Anderson. Mrs. Johnson was also born in Sweden, and came to America with her husband. They crossed the Atlantic to New York City, and made their way westward by rail to Chicago, and from that place continued their journey to Burlington. They have since lived in Des Moines county, and have now a wide and favorable acquaintance within its borders.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson has been blessed with seven children: Amanda, born Sept. 8, 1868, is now the widow of Oxel Lawson, of Burlington; Ellen, born June, 1, 1871, is now engaged in dressmaking in California; Sophia, born April 8, 1874, is the wife of Geest Nelson of Mediapolis; Minnie, born Nov. 8, 1877, is the wife of Charles Linn; Susie, born Nov. 20, 1883, is the wife of Fred Mester, of Burlington; Charles, born Jan. 25, 1881, and Emma, born Jan. 5, 1886, are at home.

Mr. Johnson gives his political support to the Republican party, for his study of the questions and issues of the day has led him to the belief that its platform

contains the best elements of good government. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to seek a home in America, for here he has found good business opportunities and has worked his way steadily upward, enjoying now a comfortable competence which is the merited reward of his labor.

ELI THOMAS.

THE Thomas family has long figured prominently in connection with agricultural interests in Des Moines county, representatives of the name coming here in pioneer days and taking an active part in laying broad and deep the foundation for the present progress, prosperity, and development of this section of the State. Eli Thomas, who was a native of Ross county, Ohio, came to Des Moines county about 1842, locating in the southwest portion of Yellow Springs township. His farm was on the edge of the timber, and comprised one hundred and sixty acres of land, which was obtained from his father-in-law, Hezekiah Archer. This he developed, and brought under a high state of cultivation. He turned the first furrows, harrowed the fields, planted the seed, and in due course of time gathered good harvests, and continued the work of cultivating his farm throughout his active business career.

Eli Thomas is a son of John and Ellen (Titterington) Thomas, and is of English descent, his parents having come from England to America about 1817. They located in Greene township, Ross county, Ohio, where they spent their remaining days, and both are interred in that locality. The

mother's death occurred when her son Eli was only about two years old, and the father, long surviving her, passed away at the advanced age of eighty-two years. Eli Thomas was born in Ross county, Ohio, Jan. 1, 1819, and there spent the days of his boyhood and youth, his education being acquired in the common schools such as were usual at that day. He continued his residence in the land of his nativity until about twenty-four years of age, when he came to Des Moines county, Iowa, and secured a quarter section of land from Hezekiah Archer in Yellow Springs township. All the improvements upon this property were placed there by Mr. Thomas, who transformed the lands into rich and productive fields. He erected a substantial and commodious residence, large barns, and other buildings necessary for the shelter of grain and stock. He also tilled his land, thus promoting its productiveness, and everything about his place was in keeping with the spirit of modern progress and improvement. Later, when his labors had brought to him sufficient financial resources, he added to his property by the purchase of sixty acres from William Archer on the north. He also bought other land, having at one time about six hundred acres, now in possession of the family. He lived a very busy, useful, and active life for many years, but in 1885 retired from business, having accumulated a competence sufficient to supply him in the evening of his days with all the comforts and many of the luxuries which go to make life worth living. In 1904 he removed to Mediapolis with his son Hezekiah, and made his home here until his death, which occurred July 2, 1905.

It was about 1844 that Eli Thomas was

united in marriage to Miss Nancy Archer, a daughter of Hezekiah and Ellen Archer. They became the parents of three children: Alfred, who was born Aug. 3, 1845, and is living in Yellow Springs township; Hezekiah, who was born Sept. 20, 1847; and Shepard, who was born Feb. 11, 1850. They also lost two children, who died in infancy, and the wife and mother departed this life June 4, 1893, when in the seventy-second year of her age, her birth having occurred in Illinois, in December, 1821. She belonged to the Cumberland Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Thomas was also a member, and their entire lives have been in harmony with their professions.

Viewed from a financial standpoint, Mr. Thomas's career can certainly be claimed to be a success, for he started out with little capital and up to the time of his death was the owner of valuable farming lands, most of which lie in Des Moines county. He was, moreover, one of the honored pioneer settlers of this part of the State, having for more than sixty years been a witness of the many changes that have occurred here. He saw the county when much of its land was wild and unimproved, when the city of Burlington was a small town, and when many of the now thriving villages had not yet sprung into existence. He felt a just pride in what was accomplished, and was interested in the progressive development of this portion of the State. He lived a quiet, unassuming life, yet displayed many sterling traits of character that commanded for him that veneration and respect which should ever be accorded to those who advance far on life's journey, and Mr. Thomas has now passed the eighty-sixth milestone.

Hezekiah Thomas, son of Eli Thomas,

and now a well-known resident of Mediapolis, has spent his entire life in Des Moines county, having been reared upon his father's farm, while in the public schools he acquired his education. Oct. 19, 1899, he was united in marriage to Miss Aldoola S. See, a daughter of Michael and Jane E. (Tompkins) See. Her father was a pioneer minister and circuit rider on the Yellow Springs circuit. His first charge was located here, and he remained for five years in active work in the ministry in this community. He had previously resided on a farm in Louisa county, Iowa. His birth occurred in Kanawha, W. Va., Feb. 22, 1817, and he came to Iowa when about eighteen years of age. He lived for some time in Louisa county, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits, and his death occurred in Des Moines county, Nov. 16, 1898. Mrs. Thomas was born in Blue Grass, Iowa, July 26, 1871.

Unto Hezekiah and Aldoola Thomas were born two children, but Paul See, who was born April 18, 1901, died on the 30th of the same month. The living son is Farrel, who was born July 26, 1903. The Thomas family is so well known in this county that no history of the community would be complete without their record, and in successive generations the representatives of the name have borne an active and helpful part in many works of improvement along many lines of substantial progress.

HERMAN TSCHENISCH.

HERMAN TSCHENISCH, who is engaged in the manufacture of violins and in the repairing of musical instruments of all kinds,

was born in Schlesien, Germany, March 20, 1847. He acquired a public-school education, after which he learned the trade of making violins, which he has followed through life. He came to America in 1889, landing on the 4th of July of that year, and making his way direct to Burlington, where he embarked in business for himself. After four years, however, he removed to Terre Haute, Ind., where he remained for three years. He later returned to Burlington, where he has since made his home, being now located at 722 Jefferson Street.

He has made from forty to fifty new violins, repairs all kinds of musical instruments, and is much devoted to his trade. He made for Mr. Fisher, who conducts the leading orchestra of Burlington, a very valuable violin, which he uses in his orchestra all of the time. It is considered a very fine instrument, and in fact all that he has made are of superior grade. Mr. Tschenisch is himself a musician of superior ability, playing almost any instrument, and is the leader and teacher of the West Burlington Band.

In 1872 Mr. Tschenisch was united in marriage to Miss Anna Schwinkowski, and they have become the parents of two children: Selma, the wife of John Kupisch, a tailor of Burlington; and Clara, the wife of Frank Grothe, a railroad man living in Cedar Rapids.

JOHN H. STROTHMAN.

AMONG the prominent and enterprising agriculturists of Washington township, and one who has done his full share toward making the county what it is today,—one of the richest farming districts in the State,—is John H. Strothman.

He was born in Pleasant Grove township, Sept. 20, 1859. He is a son of Peter F. and Louisa Strothman, of which further mention will be made in the sketch of Charles A. Strothman, which appears elsewhere in this volume.

Mr. Strothman was reared on his father's farm, where he grew to maturity, receiving a fair education in the district schools of the township.

When twenty-six years old he went to Washington township and rented a farm, which he carried on for one season, the next year renting another place for the same length of time. The two years following he was on a third rented farm, where he was very successful. He was able to get a little ahead, and decided to purchase a good farm of his own. He moved to the south of Washington township, and was fortunate to get an improved farm of eighty acres in Section 31, where he carried on general farming and stock-raising with the best of results, till three years ago, when he purchased the adjoining eighty acres in the same section, and moved onto it. He has a beautiful country residence, a modern and commodious barn, and all other necessary buildings for general farming purposes. The whole one hundred and sixty acres of land are now under full cultivation, and this farm is one of the model ones in the county. Mr. Strothman's cattle are all thoroughbred, and his horses are of the best.

April 12, 1888, Mr. Strothman became the husband of Miss Anna Kleine, daughter of John H. Kleine, of Pleasant Grove township, who is a native of Germany, and came to America about twenty-one years ago, settling in this



J. H. STROTHMAN AND WIFE.

township, where he purchased an improved farm of one hundred and forty-seven acres, which is now nearly all under cultivation. The mother of Mrs. Strothman, who is still living, was in maidenhood Miss Mary Menke, and was also born in Germany, where she was married, and where all of her children were born. Mrs. Strothman was educated in the common schools of Germany, and was but fifteen years old when she came to this country. To Mr. and Mrs. Strothman have been born four children, all of whom were born in Washington township, Des Moines county: Henry B., sixteen years old; Charles A., eleven years of age; William F., seven years old; and John H. E., a baby of six months.

Politically, Mr. Strothman has always given his vote and support to the Democratic party, believing their platform to be for the best for both State and county. He has been school director, and is at present the efficient treasurer of the township. His family attend the Lutheran church, of which his wife is a devoted member. Of the six children born to the parents of our subject, only four remain; William F., died at the age of forty-seven years, in Washington township; Henry, died on the ocean while coming to this country with his parents; Serena, married John Rush, a butcher of Burlington; Caroline, wife of William Hannie, a groceryman, also of Burlington; John H., of this review; and Charles A., whose sketch will be found on another page.

Though Mr. Strothman is not very old, yet he has witnessed many changes in the county during the last quarter of a century. He is a courteous, genial gentleman, possessing those sterling qualities

of uprightness and integrity which, together with his great activity along lines which would tend to improve the township, have placed him in the list of the citizens of the county whom it is a pleasure to count as a friend, and of which the community is justly proud.

REV. MICHAEL SEE.

REV. MICHAEL SEE, who for forty years traveled over a circuit in the interest of the Methodist Episcopal church, now resides on Section 30, Elm Grove township, Louisa county, Iowa. The family is of Virginian descent. The great-grandfather, Frederick See, removed from the south branch of the Potomac River in Virginia, in an early day, to Greenbrier county, W. Va., there locating by a stream called Muddy Creek, near which the Indians lived in vast numbers. While residing there the family were taken prisoners by the savages, and confined at a place called Oldtown, in Ross county, Ohio; but within a year all had made their escape, with the exception of Elizabeth, one of the daughters, who remained in captivity nine years, and John See, the grandfather of our subject, who was held for two years. He was reared by his uncle, Adam See, and after he grew to manhood enlisted in the regular army during the Revolutionary War, serving five years. He participated in three of the most important engagements of the war,—the battle of Germantown, which was fought near Philadelphia; Monmouth, N. J., where the Indians massacred hundreds of the inhabitants; and the storming of Stony Point. Returning from the war, he was

united in marriage with Margaret Jarred, after which he settled in Greenbrier county, W. Va., but later removed to Kanawha county. He subsequently became a resident of Indiana, and thence went to Macon county, Ill., where he died at the age of eighty-four years.

On the maternal side our subject is also descended from an old family of Virginia. The grandfather, David Milburn, was born and reared in Hampshire county, now in West Virginia, and during the time of the Revolutionary War was traveling through the unsettled State of Tennessee in company with some lawyers. They encamped one night, and the following morning were awakened at daybreak by gunshots fired by the Indians. Mr. Milburn was badly wounded, the ball striking him in the right breast and coming out at the shoulder. He at length recovered from his injuries, and lived to the age of eighty-four years.

In Kanawha county, Va., he was united in marriage with a lady whose maiden name was Susanna Pryer, though she was a widow when she married Mr. Milburn. By her first husband, who was killed by the Indians, she had one child, John Harmon.

Charles F. See, the father of our subject, was born in Greenbrier county, W. Va., in 1790. Removing to Kanawha county, he there became acquainted with and wedded Miss Sarah Milburn, who was born in that county in 1794. They were the parents of twelve children, four sons and eight daughters, eight of whom are now living: Charles F., who was a member of the Twenty-fifth Iowa regiment, was wounded during the service, and is now a pensioner, living in Nebraska; John W., of the Forty-fifth Iowa Infantry, is engaged in farming in Dakota; Susanna, widow of Asa Elison,

is living in this State; Margaret, also a widow, resides in Iowa; Lois, makes her home in Dakota; America, is living in Iowa; Aldoolah, also located in Dakota; May, died in this State; Urbain, is the wife of Rev. J. W. Anderson, a member of the Des Moines Conference, and traveled with her husband over his circuit for twenty years; Sarah, died in childhood. The father of this family died in Missouri at the age of seventy-nine, and the mother in Iowa, when sixty-four years of age. They were earnest Christian people, teaching their children, both by precept and example, the true way of life.

Michael See was born Feb. 27, 1817, in Kanawha county, Va., and when four years of age removed with his parents to Indiana, locating in Henry county, which was then an almost uninhabited wilderness. His education was there received in the subscription schools. In 1835 the father sold his farm, and the following spring removed with his family to what is known as the Black Hawk Purchase, purchasing a claim in Henry county, west of Burlington. Previous to the fall of 1836 the country was entirely surveyed, but at that time a line was laid, which divides Des Moines and Henry counties, and was called the Meridian line.

In the fall of 1839 our subject entered land at the first land sale ever held in the State, it taking place at Burlington. The farm which he then secured was situated in Des Moines county, and at the sale of 1840 his father also entered land. The country was then new, times were hard, and difficulties surrounded them on all sides; but the brave pioneers toiled on with the hope that one day they might rest from their labors.

In Des Moines county, Iowa, in November, 1838, Mr. See was united in marriage with Elizabeth Miller, who was born in Kentucky, in 1819, and moved with her parents to Illinois, and thence to the Black Hawk Purchase in 1836. By their union eight children were born, six of whom are yet living: Lucretia, now Mrs. Turkington, who resides on a farm in Washington county, Iowa; Lois, now Mrs. Williams, who is living on a farm in Union county, Iowa; Rebecca, now Mrs. Latta, living on a farm in Muscatine county; Mary, now Mrs. Thompson, who resides on a farm in Henry county; Anna, now Mrs. Wilkins, of Washington county; and John W., who married Arta Greary, and is living in Louisa county. The mother of these children died in Grand View, Louisa county, Aug. 24, 1865. She had traveled with Mr. See over different circuits for twenty years, was a faithful Christian woman, and her faith in the promises of the Bible never faltered. Her parents, William and Nancy (Hanks) Miller, died in Des Moines county, Iowa. Her mother was a relative of Abraham Lincoln.

In 1866 Mr. See was again married, in Wapello, Louisa county, Iowa, becoming the husband of Jane E. Tompkins, who was born in Essex county, N. J., Jan. 3, 1831, and is a daughter of Isaac and Nancy (Candad) Tompkins, who died in New Jersey. Two children have been born of their union,—Aldoolah and Adah.

In 1842 Mr. See united with the Methodist Episcopal church, in Henry county, Iowa, soon afterward was licensed to preach, and joined the Iowa Conference in 1845, with which he has since been connected. Forty years of his life he has spent in traveling over circuits, preaching

the gospel of Christ, and during his ministry has received about two thousand persons into the church of Christ. Although meeting with difficulties and trials, his faith in the teachings and promises of the Bible has never forsaken him. He has now retired from active life, and is living upon a small farm of fifty-eight acres in Louisa county.

LOUIS CHARLES GIESEKER.

LOUIS CHARLES GIESEKER, who can claim Burlington as his home for fifty years, is the oldest of eleven children, and belongs to one of the oldest German families who came here in early pioneer times. He is a son of Charles and Louisa (Miller) Gieseke, and was born in Burlington township Dec. 25, 1854. His father, whose sketch appears in this work, came to America, settling in Ohio, in 1837, and to Burlington, Iowa, in 1842, where he at once bought a large farm, which is now a part of Crapo Park. Mr. Gieseke having such a large family, was obliged to have his older children assist him on the farm as soon as possible; so under these circumstances our subject's education was necessarily very limited, though he has obtained much knowledge by reading and in the general schools of experience. Louis lived and worked on his father's place till he was about thirty years old, when he began farming on his own responsibility, and continued at it for twelve years. Desiring at this time to try city life he gave up farming, and was engaged in sawmills, railroad shops, and other occupations till 1887, when he returned to his first love and bought sixteen acres of land south of town

near his father, where he was again a prosperous farmer till 1898.

About this time the city opened up a park adjoining Mr. Gieseke's place and he was obliged to part with eleven and one-half acres for much less than he felt it was worth. He devoted his time to the raising of the small fruits thereon. Two acres in grapes, from which, according to the crops, he makes from twenty-six to one hundred and fifty gallons of nice grape brandy annually, and from twenty-five to forty barrels of wine of the pure grape juice. Two acres were devoted to strawberries. Besides having had one acre in raspberries and the same in blackberries, Mr. Gieseke has wisely planted about seventy-five fruit trees.

He has converted his suburban residence, which joins the park on the north, into a very nice quiet family café or outing resort, and caters especially for the trade of the best and most refined people, who certainly appreciate such a convenience and pleasure while spending a day in the beautiful park. In summing up his review, we find that the prosperity Mr. Gieseke has obtained is the result of his own personal efforts.

CARL LOUIS GIESEKER.

WHEN Carl Louis Gieseke passed away Burlington lost one of its pioneer settlers, a man whose identification with this section of the State dated from a very early period in the development of Iowa. Moreover, he had through a long business career displayed the commendable traits of character which not only win success, but also gain the respect, confidence and good-will of his fellow-men.

He was born in West Phalen, Germany, March 5, 1817. His education was very meager; but what little he did receive was in the public schools of Phalen. His father was a farmer, and our subject remained on the home place till after he reached his majority, when in 1840 he came to America by way of New York and went direct to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he remained for two years at farm work. Wanting to see something of the country west of Cincinnati, he started for Iowa, reaching Burlington in 1842, where he remained for a time, earning his living by chopping wood on one of the islands near by. Soon after this an opportunity presented itself whereby Mr. Gieseke could obtain employment in the city, and in 1843 he began to clerk in the grocery store of Mr. Pepper, whose place of business was on the levee. Mr. Pepper dying in 1844, our subject ventured to buy the business, and conducted the grocery himself for a long time.

Having still more faith in the possibilities of his adopted State, he invested in more real estate, this time erecting a neat business block where the Western Union Telegraph Office is now located, and carried on business in Burlington till the cholera broke out in 1851, when he sold out and returned to his native land. He visited in the old country for two years, and after returning located on the farm he had previously purchased, and which is now the best part of the Burlington City Park.

Here he had a long-continued residence of forty-two years, always taking great pleasure in improving his farm; and as he was well trained for farming in his younger days, he was very successful, and at the time he gave up the farm his land had more than doubled itself in value. He had lived

to see the city extended to such an extent that his farm was in the city limits. In 1895 Mr. Gieseke sold his farm, or the most of it, to the city for park purposes, and as he was nearly eighty years old he decided to retire from farming, and moved to 1505 Central Avenue, where he was permitted to rest from his labors for only about two years, passing to his great reward March 11, 1897, at the age of eighty years.

Feb. 22, 1854, Mr. Gieseke was married to Miss Marie Louisa Moeller, daughter of Frederick and Elizabeth (Buhrmaster) Moeller, who was born in Germany, Feb. 5, 1836. Her parents both died in Germany, and she came to America on the return trip of Mr. Gieseke in 1853. They became the parents of eleven children: Louis Carl; Mary (Mrs. John Meilahn), who lives on Barrett Street, in Burlington, Iowa; Louisa C. (Mrs. Fred Meilahn), of 1104 South Seventh Street, of the same city; John, with Louis Charles; Charles, a farmer, and resident of Terre Haute, Ill.; Edward August, of 1219 Tenth Street, Burlington; Elizabeth, died in infancy; Henry, who has lived in Alaska for the last four years; William F., a butcher by trade, and a resident of Helena, Mont.; Emma (unmarried) resides at Morris, Minn.; Fred W., who keeps books for a club in Chicago. The parents gave these children a fair education in the public schools, and thus fitted them for useful men and women. Mr. and Mrs. Gieseke were leading and influential members of the First German Evangelical church, of Sixth and Columbia Streets, and at the time of Mr. Gieseke's death he was one of the oldest members. Politically, he was ever a strong Democrat, but did not carry his politics beyond the limits of his private life.

It was always a great pleasure for friends and neighbors to visit and chat with this kind old gentleman, as he was always well posted on all the political issues of the day, in both his native and his adopted country. He was well known in Burlington and surrounding country. Upright in thought and deed, he lived at peace with his fellow-men as a true Christian, and one whose influence was ever on the side of truth. Long a resident of Des Moines county, his loss was deeply felt, while one more name was added to the list of the country's dead.

JAMES F. BARR.

IN a history of the men of strong purpose, energy, and well-directed business capacity, who have aided in shaping the material development and progress of Burlington and Des Moines counties, James F. Barr, deceased, should be numbered. He was born at Pleasant Grove, Iowa, March 11, 1864, his parents being James and Mary J. (Ferrier) Barr. The father was born in Londonderry, Ireland, May 12, 1816, and having crossed the Atlantic to the New World, in early life spent a brief period in this country. He then returned to his native land, but in 1848, when thirty-two years of age, again made the voyage to the United States, settling in Philadelphia, Penn. He wedded Mary Jane Ferrier on the twenty-sixth of April, 1849, and afterward removed to Iowa, spending ten years in this State. He then returned to Philadelphia, but when he had again been a resident of that city for a year he made preparations to establish a permanent home in Des Moines county, Iowa. He therefore located on a

farm near Pleasant Grove, and was long a respected and valued resident of Washington township, there residing until the first of March, 1893, when he removed to Mediapolis, living in retirement from further business cares until his demise, which occurred Feb. 5, 1896. His wife still survives him. He united with the Presbyterian church of Ireland, when twenty years of age, and became a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church of Pleasant Grove, about 1862. Upon their removal to Mediapolis, Mr. and Mrs. Barr became members of the Presbyterian church of that place. Mrs. Barr's birth also occurred in Londonderry, Ireland, and they were married in Philadelphia. They had two children: Edward W. and James F. Mrs. Barr still resides at Mediapolis, and is in comfortable financial circumstances, for Mr. Barr in his business career met with gratifying prosperity. He became the owner of a large tract of land, was extensively engaged in stock-raising, and his well-managed business affairs made him one of the prosperous citizens of his community.

James F. Barr was reared to manhood upon his father's farm, there remaining until fourteen years of age, when he attended Elliott's Business College, at Burlington. He afterward entered the employ of Brown & Barhydt, wholesale shoe dealers of Des Moines as bookkeeper. Following his marriage he removed to the home farm in Washington township, upon which he continued to reside for five years, there having charge of the cultivation and improvement of nine hundred and sixty acres of land. He was also engaged in stock-raising, and was accounted one of the leading stock men of the county. At length removing from the farm he established his home in Burlington,

and became the secretary and treasurer of the Iowa Soap Company, with which he was connected throughout his remaining days, assisting in building up a very large and prosperous business. He also supervised his agricultural interests throughout this period, and his varied business affairs brought him splendid success. The line of his achievement was always farming, and in his business affairs his course was characterized by honor, for in all his transactions he was strictly fair, straightforward, and reliable, never taking advantage of the necessities of his fellow-men in any business dealing.

On the 29th of November, 1888, Mr. Barr was married to Miss Emma Beck, at Morning Sun, Iowa, a daughter of Conrad and Elizabeth (Grote) Beck, who are represented on another page of this work. Mr. and Mrs. Barr became the parents of two children: Mark Chester, who was born at Roscoe, Iowa, Jan. 19, 1893; and Marguerite, born at Burlington, Aug. 11, 1896.

Mr. Barr gave his political allegiance to the Democracy, but never sought or desired political preferment. He held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, and served on its official board, taking an active and helpful interest in its work. His wife is also a member of that church. For eight years prior to his demise he was in ill health, and although all that medical science could do was done for him, it was unavailing. He ranked with the leading business men of Burlington, having the marked enterprise and keen foresight which are indispensable attributes of success. He was also known as a good citizen, progressive in all matters relating to the public welfare, while in his home and in social circles he was a devoted

friend and a kind and loving husband and father. In 1888 he built a fine residence upon his farm and in 1898 erected one of the beautiful homes in Burlington, at 809 North Seventh Street. He passed away Sept. 30, 1904, and his death was deeply deplored in social and business circles, for he was a man whom to know was to respect and honor, and who through his sterling traits of character had gained warm and enduring friendships.

CONRAD BECK.

CONRAD BECK, deceased, was a prominent farmer and stock-raiser of Pleasant Grove township, Des Moines county, and achieved a success which was an indication of superior business ability, executive force, and unfaltering determination. He was born Dec. 23, 1808, in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, near Frankfort-on-the-Rhine. When nineteen years of age he left home, his father giving him his blessing, a prayer book and the equivalent of a dollar in American money. Years afterward he repaid the money by sending his father three hundred dollars. After visiting France, Spain, and Portugal, Mr. Beck decided to locate near London, England, and for five years was in the employ of Lord Mangester as a gardener. On the expiration of that period he sailed for New York, believing that he would have better business advantages in the New World. He occupied a similar position with General Luce in Dutchess county, New York, and in 1833 came to Iowa, settling at Rome, near Fairfield, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land. On his way to that place he stopped for a

brief period at Burlington, and dug the first cellar in that city, for which labor he was paid ten dollars. Mr. Beck did not remain long in the vicinity of Fairfield, but removed to Pleasant Grove township, Des Moines county, where he entered land from the government, to which he added from time to time in later years. His first house was built of logs and clapboards, and had a single piece of glass for a window. He figured that the house cost him in money a dollar and twenty cents. In true pioneer style he began life in this county, putting forth strenuous effort to overcome the difficulties and obstacles under which all frontier settlers labor, and as the years passed his work was crowned with success. In 1849, however, he was filled with the desire to go to the famous newly discovered gold fields of California, and in connection with Hon. Justice Clark, each outfitted a big wagon with four yoke of oxen. Mr. Beck took with him sugar and other articles to trade with the Indians for pelts, and also commodities that he might sell to advantage. They proceeded westward to Council Bluffs, up the Platte River, and across the Rockies to San Francisco, where Mr. Beck sold his outfit. Mr. Clark's oxen had all died on the way, but Mr. Beck was more careful with his teams and lost none.

After a sojourn of a year in the far West, Mr. Beck returned by way of the isthmus route. After leaving the California port the vessel in which he sailed encountered a severe storm and was in great peril. The food supply also became largely exhausted, and they were on short rations for fourteen days before reaching the isthmus. Knowing that the ship's officers were responsible for the want of provisions, the passengers decided that

if cannibalism became necessary, as they were afraid it might, they would eat the officers first. Mr. Beck finally reached Iowa by way of the Mississippi River, returning home with fourteen hundred dollars in gold. He then resumed farming and stock-raising, and became one of the most prosperous men in his township, because of his progressive methods, his untiring activity, and his keen business discernment. He had three thousand acres of land, and built a stone residence in Pleasant Grove that was one of the finest homes in the county. He made his first purchases of land at government prices or a little more, and for some of his later investments he paid as high as thirty-five dollars per acre. With the growth and settlement of the county the land greatly increased in value, and he became one of the prosperous agriculturists of this part of the State.

In 1842, in the town of Burlington, Mr. Beck was married to Miss Elizabeth Grote, of Dodgeville, Iowa, who was born at Krois Minden, Germany, Dec. 21, 1821, and died June 19, 1895, at Morning Sun, Iowa. Her parents were John D. and Anna Grote. Her father was born, Aug. 19, 1790, and his wife's birth occurred in 1788, while her death occurred Sept. 13, 1855. They came to America in 1840, settling in Iowa, where Mr. Grote carried on agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred May 17, 1868. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Beck are nine in number: Mary, died August, 1904, the widow of David Schenck, of Memphis, Mo.; Sarah; William, who married Ella Berryhill, and lives in Morning Sun, Iowa; Caroline, the wife of Hon. F. N. Smith, of Burlington; Henry H., who married Fanny Vele, of Breckenridge, Texas; Cassie A., the wife of Hon. E. L.

McClurken, of Morning Sun, Iowa; Senna, the wife of Joseph F. Swallow, of Burlington; Elizabeth, the wife of O. B. Jamison, of Newport, Iowa; and Emma Louise, who married J. F. Barr, of Burlington.

In his political views Mr. Beck was a Democrat, and in religious faith was connected with the German Methodist church at Pleasant Grove. In 1875, he retired from the farm and took up his home at Morning Sun, where his death occurred Oct. 13, 1895. He was a strictly temperate man, never using intoxicants of any kind, nor tobacco. He was noted for his industry and frugality, his honest dealing and his reliability. Indolence and idleness were utterly abhorrent to his nature, and he put forth earnest effort to provide for his family and secure a competency. He stood four square to every wind that blew, was a man of honest convictions, and never faltered in support of a course which he believed to be right. During the last sixteen years of his life he was blind. His wife passed away a few months before his demise, and it was his fondly expressed desire that he, too, might go and thus join her. As a frontier settler of Eastern Iowa, he took an active and helpful part in its early development and progress, and is now numbered among the honored pioneers of the State.

TOPHEL FISCHER.

ONE of the most progressive farmers and substantial citizens of Huron township, where he is following his occupation with much success, is Tophel Fischer, who is one of the later comers to the county. Mr. Fischer was born at Roanoke, Ill., in April,

1868, and is the son of August and Lena (Storts) Fischer.

Tophel Fischer secured his education in the public schools of his township, and as a boy and young man was thoroughly trained in the principles and practice of agriculture, acquiring knowledge and proficiency by personal experience, working as a farm hand from the time he left school until the time of his marriage. Nov. 6, 1899, he was united in marriage, at Peoria, Ill., to Miss Bertha Miller, daughter of Fred and Mary (Springer) Miller. He then rented a farm near Roanoke, successfully cultivating it for a period of nine years, at the end of which time he came to Iowa and purchased his present farm, and has since resided here. It was in 1902 that he made this move to Huron township, and the farm consists of eighty acres of rich farm land in Section 6, and sixty-six acres of timber land in Section 3. It is in a high state of cultivation and thoroughly developed, having undergone many improvements since passing to the ownership of Mr. Fischer. The house, which is commodious, has been remodeled and an addition built, a new barn has been erected to accommodate the products of the fertile soil, six thousand tile have been put in, and the farm improved in general, so that the equipment is modern.

Mrs. Fischer, whose maiden name was Bertha Miller, was born in Berne, Switzerland. Her natal day was March 7, 1879. Her mother died when she was only two years old. When she was nine years old, she came to America with her two sisters. Her sister Mary Eliza married Henry Islie, and now lives in Monroe, Wis. Her sister Lena makes her home in Peoria, Ill.

To Mr. and Mrs. Fischer have been born two children: Ida, born April 14, 1901; and Gustie, born March 13, 1903.

In religious faith Mr. and Mrs. Fischer are members of the Christian Apostolic church, and their deeds have brought no blush to their profession.

Although Mr. Fischer has been for so short a time a resident of Huron township, he has always manifested a willingness to perform the duties which devolve on him as a citizen, and he and his wife have won many friends by their helpfulness and neighborly kindness. It may be said of Mr. Fischer that in every relation of life in which he has been called to take a part he has proved himself equal to the occasion. The history of his private relations with men is one of un-failing honor, uprightness, and strictest rectitude, a mode of life which has made him rich in the respect of all.

CHARLES KOESTNER.

CHARLES KOESTNER is a notable representative of an old German family, and has manifested in the course of an active and interesting career many of the most interesting traits of his race and blood — those traits that have made the German-American citizens of this country so highly honored as an acquisition to the nation. He has been industrious to a marked degree, and has never shown any disposition to shirk hard work or avoid his full share of the labor to be done. He has kept his word, and his pledge has been like a bond. Kind to the poor, and with an ear always open to the cry of the needy, he has ever been a good neighbor, a generous friend, and an upright citizen. He has been a kind husband and a loving father, giving his children the best of advantages in starting them in life for

themselves, as well as giving them that best of heritages, a home training that made strict integrity and upright morals the things of greatest value in their estimation. These are the virtues that belong to the German blood, and these characterize the career of the man whose life deeds and achievements are the subject of this biographical history.

Charles Koestner was born in Bavaria, Germany, June 24, 1839, the son of John and Kunnigunda (Parniggel) Koestner. The father was also born in Bavaria, the date of his birth being Dec. 18, 1803. He was reared on a farm, and was educated in the public schools of the community. He was married in 1832, and came to America in 1855, bringing with him his wife and seven children. They landed at New Orleans, and came up the Mississippi to Burlington, and settled in Burlington township, where he rented a farm. He carried on a general farming business for ten years, then retired from active life. He died in May of 1871, and his wife survived him until April of 1881. The family were devoted members of St. John's Catholic church, being faithful followers of its teachings, and generous supporters of it at all times. The father was in sympathy with the Democratic party, in his political views.

Charles Koestner received his education partly in the public schools of Germany, partly in those of Burlington township, as he was fourteen years of age when his parents came to this country. He grew to manhood on the farm in Burlington township, learning the practical lessons of agriculture, and working for his father till he was twenty-four years of age. From 1865 till 1869 he left agricultural pursuits, and clerked in a store, working for J. W.

Rhodes, of Burlington, who conducted a general store. These four years of experience in the mercantile world have been of the greatest value to him, and have contributed in no small measure to his success, through the practical lessons of business life that he then acquired.

In 1869 Mr. Koestner returned to the quieter but surer life of the farmer, renting the old Mason farm of three hundred acres. He continued to rent this land till 1892, always paying a cash rental, which in the time that he occupied the land amounted to \$23,000. Here he conducted a general farming and cattle-feeding business, at the same time renting and buying other land, at times working some four hundred and fifty acres. In 1892 he left the Mason farm, buying and moving onto his present beautiful place of ninety-six acres, which joins the city limits. Here he started a general fruit-growing business, in addition to his general farming, planting at first about thirty-one acres in all kinds of fruits. He has other tracts of land in the county, aggregating about five hundred acres of the finest farm lands in the county, and on each place is a large orchard of trees selected from the finest varieties suited to this latitude. Mr. Koestner improved the home place since it came into his possession, by repairing all the buildings, and setting out new fruit trees, and is at present personally superintending the work on one hundred and thirty acres.

On Aug. 26, 1866, Mr. Koestner was united in marriage to Miss Philomena Gebhart, daughter of John and Louise (Wellem) Gebhart. To this union six children were born, five sons and one daughter: Henry C., who married Sophia Brune; George J., married Mary Vorwerk; Frank

J., married Mary Kuntz; Andrew J., married Minnie Muensenmeier; and Carl E. and Annie L., who live at home. Mr. Koestner has also raised to womanhood two adopted children, the children of his brother, their father and mother both dying while they were very young. These children are Minnie, wife of Henry Wagner, and Caroline, wife of Joseph Abris. All of Mr. Koestner's children are nicely started in life, and are settled near him, all living in Des Moines county, and all prosperous. He has a family of which he has every reason to be proud.

Mr. Koestner's first wife died Nov. 2, 1885, and on March 2, 1887, he married Miss Elizabeth Hoelscher. They have many warm friends, both in the city of Burlington and among their nearer neighbors, and as they are both of a cordial social nature, their beautiful home has been the scene of many happy gatherings, and they are famed throughout the county for their whole-souled hospitality. Mr. Koestner was for many years director of the public schools, an office in which he was able to render valuable assistance to the cause of education, in which he is a firm believer, and to which he has ever given all the encouragement in his power, realizing that the public-school system is the foundation stone of our national liberties, and that a wise oversight of the training of youth is the price of our continued greatness as a people. He has also played an important part in the political life of Des Moines county, taking part in public activities as a member of the Democratic party, for whose success he has consistently labored throughout his career, and in whose councils his voice has carried weight and authority. He was once the nominee of his party for State senator.

Mr. Koestner's life has been one of constant usefulness and success, and in all his dealings with his fellow-men he has striven to be strictly honest and impartial, always seeking to guard against doing any man an injustice, preserving at all times an upright, honorable, and absolutely unwavering course of integrity—a mode of life which has brought its own reward in the esteem of all who know him as he is. His qualities of foresight and ready appreciation of an opportunity, added to an unfailing perseverance in all circumstances, have brought him worldly wealth, and enabled him of late years to enjoy in ease the fruits of a life well spent.

GEORGE HENRY ARCHER.

YELLOW SPRINGS TOWNSHIP counts among its enterprising and prosperous citizens many young men of much ability who are a great credit to the county. Among these is George Henry Archer, who is a lifelong resident of the above-named township where he was born Nov. 6, 1853. He is the son of Edward Gillan and Nancy Elizabeth (Talbot) Archer. See sketch and portrait elsewhere.

Our subject has always been engaged in farming, and has made stock-raising a specialty, in which he has obtained the best results. He is now superintending his father's estate, consisting of some three hundred and seventy-seven acres, of which three hundred and twenty are in Section 32, and fifty-eight in Section 29. This place is well improved, with substantial buildings, and the land is very productive, yielding a very gratifying

crop each season. Mr. Archer raises some fine Kentucky thoroughbred horses, having at the present writing about twenty head. He also raises about one hundred head of hogs annually, having some fifty head now, and cares for sixty head of blooded cattle each year.

In politics he has given his support and co-operation to the Republican party but for local matters votes for the man. He has never aspired to public office, preferring to give his time and attention to his own immediate business. He is a man well posted on all the current events of the times, is pleasant and congenial, his principles and actions are of the highest character and his record in business is a great source of pride to his many relatives and friends throughout the county.

Mr. Archer was married Feb. 27, 1879, to Mary Ellen Jones, daughter of John R. Jones, who was also born in Yellow Springs township. They have one child, Julia Ellen, born July 7, 1881. Mrs. Archer died Oct. 22, 1883, aged twenty-six years. (See also Jones' history.)

MILTON P. CALDWELL.

MILTON P. CALDWELL, an early settler of Des Moines county, and a highly respected citizen of Washington township, residing on his farm of one hundred and sixty acres on Section 11, was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, Feb. 19, 1834, and lived in that State till 1854. He was educated in the common schools of Muskingum county, at the Fox Creek school, and while going to school assisted with the work upon the home farm.

He was the son of John M. and Jane (Jamison) Caldwell. The father was born in Muskingum county, and remained there engaged in farming till 1834. During that year, when our subject was about six weeks old, the family moved to a farm in Hardin county, Ohio, where they remained till after the death of the father, which occurred in 1841. Two years later Milton P. Caldwell and his mother went back to Muskingum county, and made that their home until 1854, when they went to Illinois, locating on a farm in Mercer county. Here they remained till the spring of 1859, when they decided to go still farther west, and came to Des Moines county, Iowa.

Here Milton P. and his brother, Samuel L., purchased eighty acres of land, part of the farm where Mr. Caldwell now resides. Beginning with this wild, uncultivated land, that had never known the plowshare nor the hand of man, they built up a home for themselves. Since that time wonderful changes have been made in the place. All the improvements have been made; a fine large frame dwelling-house has been erected, good barns and other buildings have been built, and everything has been done that could be done to make the place the modern, well-equipped farm home that it now is. While Mr. Caldwell has made a great success as a general farmer, he has made a specialty of stock-raising, being well known in the country round about for the high-grade Clydesdale Norman horses and Hereford cattle that he has been breeding with great care for the last few years.

Mr. Caldwell was one of a family of six children, of whom the only other one



MILTON P. CALDWELL.

who is still living is the brother Samuel who was at first a joint owner with Mr. Caldwell of the farm in Washington township. The mother died July 17, 1875, at the home place, eighty-one years of age.

Samuel Caldwell, the brother, is now living at Lennox, Iowa, where he is retired, and where he is the president of the Citizens' State Bank of Lennox.

Milton P. Caldwell purchased his brother's interest in the home farm, and has added to it until he now has two hundred and forty acres, all under cultivation. It is one of the best-kept farms in the county, whether from the standpoint of utility or comfort.

Mr. Caldwell was united in marriage on Jan. 13, 1866, to Miss Martha Ellen Williams, a native of Adams county, Ohio. Mrs. Caldwell came from Ohio to Iowa with a cousin, in 1853, when she was young, her parents having died in Ohio. She remained with her cousin until her marriage. To them six children have been born, three sons and three daughters, of whom five are still living. The children are: Elmer, a farmer, residing in Yellow Springs township, where he and his brother John own and operate a fine farm of two hundred and forty acres; Ella, who lives with her brothers John and Elmer, keeping the home for them; John J., residing in Yellow Springs township, and in partnership with his brother Elmer; Wilbur W., who resides on the home place, which he farms; Ina, wife of George Delzell, a farmer of Louisa county, Iowa; and Lily, who died at the age of two years.

When the Civil War broke out, and the president sent out the call for troops,

Mr. Caldwell became convinced that his country needed him and so he enlisted, in 1862, in Company G, of the Thirty-ninth Iowa Infantry, and served to the end of the war. He was corporal, and took part in some important battles and a number of skirmishes. He was on the famous march to the sea; but was never sick enough to go to hospital. He was mustered out at Clinton, Iowa, at the end of the war, and received honorable discharge there. He has kept up his recollections and associations of army days by becoming a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, belonging to Blake Post at Morning Sun, Iowa. In his political views Mr. Caldwell has always been a Republican. He cast his first presidential ballot for John C. Fremont, and has taken an active and helpful interest in political and other public affairs in his township, although he has never cared for holding public office. Both Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell are faithful adherents of the United Presbyterian church, holding membership with the organization of Morning Sun, Iowa, supporting it in its benevolences, and spreading its influence.

Mr. Caldwell has been a witness of many improvements in general conditions in Des Moines county; has viewed its rise, in fact, from an almost primitive state to the proudest position in the commonwealth. Moreover, he has borne a worthy part in the general advancement, as his ability has enabled him to do. He is a man of strong character, and has won success by his own efforts, and this achievement has gained for him the respect of all, while his genial disposition has made him many friends.

FREDERICK JULIUS.

FREDERICK JULIUS, who has succeeded in building up the largest transfer business in Burlington, was born in this city, Feb. 16, 1875, his parents being William F. and Livonia (Short) Julius. The father came to America with his parents from Germany about 1861, being then ten or twelve years of age, and the family home was established in Burlington. He became a butcher, and while conducting a shop here met with an accident which terminated his life. His widow afterward married again, and is now Mrs. Reising, of Aurora, Ill. By the first marriage there were three children: Fred, Louis, and a daughter that died when a year old.

Frederick Julius was educated in the parochial and public schools of Burlington, and when but nine years of age began working for his board and clothes upon a farm. He was employed in that way for two years, after which he drove the "hill mule," a mule that was attached to the street car to pull it up North Hill from Main Street, and from Jefferson Street to the top of West Hill. Later he carried messages for the Western Union Telegraph Company for a year, and subsequently spent six months at the upholstering business, after which he became night operator for the Bell Telephone Company for a year. His connection with the livery business began in two years' service in the Strickland livery barn, and for a year thereafter he was coachman for Frank Millard. Entering the employ of Nat Bruen, he took care of and drove his race horses as second man, after which he drove a bus for the Duncan Hotel for two years. On the expiration of that period he began the transfer business on his own

account, having one express wagon, but since that time his patronage has steadily increased, and he now has seven wagons and nine teams, employing seven men, and having the largest patronage of any transfer business of the city.

Mr. Julius was married in 1893 to Miss Emma Giesen, a native of Switzerland, who was taken by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reiner Giesen, to Kentucky, whence they came to Burlington. Mr. and Mrs. Julius have one child, Ruth. Mr. Julius belongs to Aerie Lodge, No. 750, F. O. E., of which he is now serving as chaplain, and he is also a member of the Modern Woodmen Camp and the Sand Lake Club, a hunting and fishing organization. Starting out in life at a very early age, his business success has been won through persistent effort, and he is now enjoying the financial return which comes to him from a large patronage.

CHARLES FREDERICK FISHER.

To record the life story of one who has long been intimately identified with the vital interests of the community, is the duty and the highest privilege of the historian, and it is with confidence that the name which heads this review is here inscribed upon the roll of Des Moines county's distinguished and useful citizens. Mr. Fisher is of German extraction, his parents having early removed from that country to England, and he was born at Rotherham, England, March 26, 1865, the son of Herman and Margaret (Breuck) Fisher. In his native land he received a good common-school education, and on leaving school he became associated with his father in the

meat business, his father having always followed the trade of butcher, and in this enterprise he continued until his twenty-fourth year, when he decided to take advantage of the broader opportunities of the Western World, and emigrated to America on July 4, 1886, locating near DeKalb, Ill.

There the first employment in which he engaged, as the preliminary to his new start in life, was that of the farm; but finding that his health was suffering from the climate, he abandoned his position, and came to Iowa, where he changed his occupation, and became an employee in the wire department of the McCosh Iron & Steel Company, at Burlington, in which he remained for several years, or until the company instituted a nail business in connection with the other industries under their control, when Mr. Fisher, by reason of the executive ability and general efficiency he had displayed in his work, was made general foreman of the nail department. He discharged the duties of this responsible position for about nine months, when, finding that his physical constitution was being seriously undermined by the work in the dust-laden atmosphere of the factory, he resigned, in 1888, and became a machinist's helper for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, and after serving four years in that capacity, was promoted to the work of the pumping plant, in which he continued for a further period of ten years, being again, at the end of that time, promoted to a clerkship in the offices. After an occupancy of the latter post lasting five years, he decided to embark in independent business, and in August, 1904, he became the proprietor of the news-stand in West Burlington, which he now conducts, dealing in periodicals, confectionery, tobaccos, and cigars, and in

connection operating a general job printing plant. In this venture he has been, from the first, very successful, securing a large patronage and enjoying to a highly gratifying degree the confidence of the public, with whom his lifelong reputation for strict uprightness and unvarying integrity in all his dealings, is standing him in good stead.

In April, 1888, Mr. Fisher was united in marriage to Miss Mary Knopp, and of this union have been born two sons and four daughters, these being Raymond Albert, Edgar William, Gertrude (who died at the age of eighteen months), Edna Jennie, Hazel, and Ruth.

A Democrat in political affiliation, Mr. Fisher has been very influential in the work of his party in this section, and as evidence of the confidence and esteem in which he is held by his fellow-citizens, has been the recipient of many public honors, having, been elected town treasurer for two years, served three years as a member of the common council, received three consecutive elections as clerk of Flint River township, and being at the present time a member of the board of education. Perhaps no resident is more thoroughly in touch with all the affairs of the community, and as one who is peculiarly qualified for the work, he has for a time been acting as correspondent for the *Burlington Hawk-Eye*. In his fraternal relations, he is member of the Knights of Pythias, in which he has passed through the chairs, and acted as representative to the grand lodge; a member of the Court of Honor, of which he was recorder for two terms; and of the Modern Woodmen of America, which he also served as recorder for two years.

As one who takes a broad view of human interests, he is loyal to the cause of religion,

being a member of the Congregational church, to whose support he is a generous contributor, and for which he acted as organist for a period of two years. Public spirited in every sense of the word, he is an advocate of all that tends to the benefit of his community, and by his loyalty to his friends and to the general welfare, has made many admirers and achieved a large and spontaneous popularity, so that while he is by no means inclined to vaunt his own merits, it may be said for him that his standing among his fellow-men is in all respects an honored and enviable one,—one of which any man might well be proud.

CHARLES M. NELSON.

CHARLES NELSON belongs to that class of citizens who have won the admiration and respect of all by what they have accomplished through individual effort and along honorable lines. Mr. Nelson is entirely a self-made man, and all that he has enjoyed and possessed has been won through well-directed labor, guided by sound business judgment. He was born in Sweden, Jan. 11, 1839, his birth-place being in Tisselsko, Sucken, Elsborgland. He was the son of Magnus and Mary (Pearson) Nelson. His mother died when he was about six years of age, and his father afterward married Christena Larson. In his native country Charles Nelson acquired his education by attending the public schools. He was brought up as a farmer, and has followed that occupation throughout his life.

Nov. 15, 1868, Charles Nelson was united in marriage to Miss Mertie Chris-

tena Olson, daughter of Olaf and Bertha (Seltvall) Anderson. She was born Jan. 9, 1848, in Omal, Sucken, Elsborgland, Sweden. The next year after his marriage, he determined to see what opportunities awaited him in the New World, so came to America by way of New York, coming through Castle Garden, then directly to Kingston, Iowa. Here he worked for the first month for his father, who had preceded him to this country by about six months. His parents spent the remainder of their lives in this country, the father dying in 1893, aged eighty-four years, and the mother dying in 1892, at the age of sixty-seven years. Mrs. Nelson's parents never came to this country, and both died in Sweden some years ago.

After Mr. Nelson had been in this country a little over a month, he began working in the timber for Mr. Latty, continuing at this work for a year and a half. By that time he had become sufficiently familiar with the language and customs to feel that he was warranted in undertaking to work independently. Accordingly he then leased some land of John Murphy in Huron township, where he stayed for five and a half years. By this time his thrifty ways and skilful management had enabled him to save enough so that in November, 1875, he bought a farm of thirty acres from Robert Ping. This land had only a small piece for garden that had ever been broken by the plow, and had on it a two-room house, a well, and a stable. This he bought for twenty-five dollars an acre. In 1876 he moved his family to this place, and has made it his home ever since. He has brought the farm under cultivation, and practically improved it in many ways. Later he

added to it seventeen acres which he bought from John Collar, and now he has thirty acres in Section 20, and twenty acres in Section 17, Yellow Springs township. Besides his work of general farming, he has made a very successful beginning at the specialized work of stock-raising. He usually raises about ten hogs, some cattle, and a few horses of draft breeds every year.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are both faithful members of the Swedish Lutheran church of Mediapolis, and Mr. Nelson has served that body as deacon for twelve years. His political support is given to the Republican party, for on becoming a naturalized citizen he concluded that the platform of that party contained the best elements of good government, though he has never been an aspirant for office. He has never yet had occasion to regret his determination to seek a home in the New World, for he found the business opportunities which he sought, and has gradually progressed toward the goal of success. He has also raised a fine large family, of which he has every reason to be proud.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson have been the parents of eleven children, as follows: Axel, born Aug. 2, 1869, died Sept. 25, 1879; William C., born March 13, 1871, lives in Washington township, Des Moines county, Iowa, where he has bought a farm of eighty acres; Tilda, born Sept. 17, 1873, is the wife of Charles Walberg, a farmer of Washington township; Oscar Carl, born Oct. 1, 1875, is a farmer living in Yellow Springs township; Anna Elizabeth, born Nov. 12, 1878, died March 12, 1905, in England; Laura Amelia, born Jan. 21, 1881; Albert Emmanuel, born

Feb. 3, 1883; Victoria Marie, born March 22, 1885, died Aug. 18, 1886; Victor Frederick, born Dec. 31, 1886; David Julius, born Feb. 26, 1889; and Amanda Olivia, born March 30, 1891.

The daughter, Anna Elizabeth, was a gentle, quiet girl, a loving and dutiful daughter and helpful sister. Hers was a deeply religious nature, devoted to the work of the church in which she was confirmed as a child. On her sensitive spirit was early impressed the need of the world for a fuller knowledge of the message brought by the Christ, and as she grew older the call came to her as a personal mission, to go into the world and teach the way of life. She obeyed the call, and was sent as a missionary to China, that region of densest ignorance and most ignorant fanaticism, so full of danger to the Christian workers from other lands.

She left America Nov. 20, 1901, going by way of San Francisco. She labored under the auspices of the American Scandinavian Free Christian Mission, Canton, South China, and served as a missionary there for three years, working under all the trials and hardships peculiar to that country and those people,—trials that no one but those who have been in the field can have any realization of,—and endured all with an uncomplaining spirit, hoping only to be the means of bringing light into that benighted land.

While carrying on this work she became acquainted with Percival J. Laird, a native of Windsor, Berkshire, England, who was also actively engaged in the same missionary work. This friendship ripened into a stronger feeling, and they became engaged to be married. Accord-

ingly Miss Nelson went to England. She had not been feeling well, and was taken worse on the trip. After her arrival at Mr. Laird's home in Deal, Kent, England, she still continued to get worse, and several weeks later died there. Hers was a beautiful Christian character, and she leaves a place that can never be filled, not only in the home, but also in the foreign field, where she did such efficient work in spreading the gospel that she loved.

BENJAMIN C. HESS.

BENJAMIN C. HESS, who was long known in Burlington as a young man of high personal character and exceptional qualifications for a successful career in the line of commercial pursuits, to which he devoted the greater part of his life, was born March 19, 1861, at Wayland, Steuben county, N. Y., a son of Benjamin and Keziah (Yates) Hess. He came to Burlington with his parents at the age of seven years, and after attending the public schools here for some time, again removed with his parents to Agency Street. At that place he completed a course in Germania Grammar School, and then entered the high school, from which he was graduated in 1878, and the following year he taught a district school south of Burlington. In the spring of 1880 he entered the retail grocery business in partnership with his father, a connection which continued for eight years, and in 1889 he began business independently in a store on Osborne Street, where he was later joined by his father. They then engaged in business together until the son's death, for there was always a

strong bond of affection between them, to an even greater degree, perhaps, than is usual.

On May 6, 1886, Mr. Hess was united in marriage to Miss Nora Boger, daughter of Moses Boger, and to them were born three children, Mary K., Charles B., and Lillian E. He died March 2, 1895, his own death being followed by that of his father in 1898, while his mother's demise had occurred long previous to that time, or about 1875. Thus was he called from active life in the full prime and strength of his young manhood, in the midst of the tide of success, and from the bosom of a happy and contented family, in whose service he found his greatest pleasures, and upon whom he lavished a wealth of devoted affection. True to the highest ideals of conduct, he drew to himself the respect of all with whom he came in contact, and forceful in his personality he made for himself a place in the community that was distinctively his own, so that his untimely end was a genuine loss to the city, as well as an ineffaceable sorrow to those who mourn him as an ideal husband and loving father.

The Boger family, of which Mrs. Hess is a member, in an old colonial family, having emigrated to America from Germany in the year 1730, and settled in Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, where descendants of the early pioneers still live and preserve the name. The family of Moses Boger's mother, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Keller, settled in that neighborhood the same year, and George Keller was a soldier of the Revolutionary War. The Bogers had conscientious scruples against engaging in war, as being in opposition to the moral code inculcated by their religious belief, and therefore no member of the family was a soldier.

George Keller was twice drafted into the Continental service, and the first time sent a substitute, but on the second occasion responded personally to the call, and went to the front, being in General Washington's camp at Valley Forge, and later acting as guard over the Hessian prisoners captured at the battle of Trenton, when they were taken to Lebanon for safe keeping. The original homestead of the Boger family is still in possession of individuals of that name, descendants of the first settlers, and the farm is yet locally famous for a great spring which has been flowing in a large and constant volume since the earliest known times.

Moses Boger, born July 26, 1831, spent the greater part of his boyhood and youth on a farm until his seventeenth year, when he began learning the trade of coach-making, and after becoming master of his trade, worked at it in Lebanon and other places in Pennsylvania for some time. In 1869 he came to Burlington, and here he worked at coach-building for twenty years, or forty years in all, retiring in 1890 to assist his son-in-law, Mr. Hess, in the work of the store, and since the latter's death has continued in the store with his widow. On April 16, 1853, he wedded Miss Mary Wentling, of Lebanon, Pa., a member of an old family of that place, where she was born Oct. 15, 1834. To them were born eight children: John; William; Emma, wife of Frank Dasher; Nora, widow of Benjamin C. Hess; Charles; Ada, wife of William Kratz; one child, which died when three years of age; and Frank, who died at the age of twenty-one years. Mrs. Hess, widow of our subject, was educated in the public schools of Burlington, attending the South Hill School, and is a woman of

decided practical talents and ability. Since the death of her husband she has herself continued the management of his business, and has conducted the store with great success and energy. She is a member and worker in the Free Methodist church, to whose support she is a liberal contributor, and under her care her children have received a model home training and excellent educational advantages.

ANDREW YAKLEY.

ANDREW YAKLEY, the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and twenty acres on Section 7, Huron township, was born in Schabenhäusen, Germany, Nov. 10, 1872, and is a son of John and Ursula (Brunnenkant) Yakley, or Jaeckle, as the name is spelled in the Fatherland. He acquired his education in the public schools of his native country, and has always followed the life of a farmer. He remained in his native land until sixteen years of age, when he crossed the Atlantic to the New World and took up his abode in Fairbury, Ill., where he followed general agricultural pursuits until 1898. He then removed to Peoria, Ill., where he spent the succeeding four years. He secured work at driving a team, and later became a coachman; but because of ill-health he was unable to do any work for four or five weeks. Later he engaged in dairying and blacksmithing, and also worked in a fence factory and at boiler-making, leading a very industrious life.

Leaving Peoria in 1902, Mr. Yakley went to Oakville, Iowa, and soon afterward purchased one hundred and twenty

acres of land on Section 7, Huron township, Des Moines county, where he took up his abode, and has since carried on general farming. He has made many improvements upon the property, including the erection of a good house and barn. He also built a hayrick, and has made other general improvements, which add to the convenience of the place and its attractive appearance. His fields are well tilled, and annually yield good crops, for which he finds a ready sale in the city markets.

On March 26, 1899, Mr. Yakley was married to Miss Matilda Thelka Gerst, a daughter of Henry and Katherine (Grau) Gerst. She was born in Gablenberg, Germany, Oct. 30, 1875, and was seventeen years of age when she came to America, their marriage being celebrated in Peoria. They have four children: Henry Oliver, born Feb. 25, 1900; Elmer Henry, born July 1, 1901; Erwin Oscar, Aug. 18, 1903; and Roy Andrew, Nov. 30, 1904.

CHRIST DOEMELAND.

PROMINENT among the farmers of Flint River township is Christ Doemeland, who has been one of the leading agriculturists there since 1900. He is a native of Germany, being born in Prussia, Oct. 13, 1854. His parents, Fred and Mary (Demland) Doemeland, were also natives of Prussia. Our subject was reared on his father's farm, where he early became familiar with the duties which fall to the lot of the tiller of the soil. He attended the common schools of his birthplace, after which he was engaged as a farmer till 1883, when he came to America, making the trip by

way of New York, and coming directly to Burlington, Iowa. The first summer he was busily engaged in sawing stones, after which he was employed for some time by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. He then secured a position as a shipping clerk with Thompson McCosh, who dealt in nails and all kinds of wire for fences. Severing his connection with this house, he worked for the next four years for The Rand Lumber Company.

Dec. 6, 1883, the same year he came to America, Mr. Doemeland was united in marriage to Miss Fredericka Beahne, daughter of Christ and Dorothy (Winkelmann) Beahne. Unto this couple were born three children: Otto, born Oct. 18, 1884; Bertha, born March 19, 1886; and Earl, born Dec. 27, 1903. The two elder children are attending school. In 1893 our subject bought one hundred and seven and a half acres of land on Sections 5 and 8, in Flint River township, and in 1900 he bought his present place of one hundred acres on Section 15, in the same township, where he moved in 1904, and where he has built a modern residence. Although Mr. Doemeland is not a strong and robust man, having had typhoid fever when a boy, which settled in one of his legs, thus crippling this member of his body for life, still he is able to carry on general farming and the raising of stock with gratifying success.

Politically, he is a Democrat, but generally studies as to which is the best man for the office to which he aspires. Mr. and Mrs. Doemeland are devoted members of the German Lutheran church of West Burlington. Though they have only been residents of the township a little over ten years, yet it has been sufficiently long for the community, both social and business,

to discover the sterling qualities of Mr. Doemeland. Honesty, integrity, enterprise, and activity have always been his predominant characteristics, and to them and his own willing hands he owes his success in life and also that of his high social standing.

JOHN HENRY SCHROEDER.

AMONG the pioneers of Des Moines county, and one who claims good old Germany as his birthplace, is John Henry Schroeder. Energy, ambition, willing hands, together with the best of principles, are the means by which he achieved his success in life; and to-day his family and friends point with pride to the record he has made.

He is the son of Frederick and Catherine Schroeder, his birth occurring June 12, 1817, in Prussia, Germany. His father spent eighteen years in the German army, fighting against Napoleon during his great and noted campaigns. His mother died in 1831. What education Mr. Schroeder received was in the public schools in his native place.

As his father was a farmer he needed the son's help, and it was only for short intervals at a time that he could spare the boy to attend school. Together with his farm work our subject also learned the trade of a millwright, and when twenty-one years old he entered the German army, where he served for three years.

In 1844, with the experience of a farmer, millwright, and soldier, he decided to come to America. He was sixteen weeks making the trip to New Orleans, where he took a boat up the Mississippi River, reaching

Burlington, Iowa, March 25, 1845. Here he was unable to secure work at his trade, so he rented a small farm two miles west of Burlington, on Sunnyside Avenue, for a year. The next move he made was to rent a farm in Flint River township; but as time passed he wanted more land, and was enabled, in 1850, to purchase eighty acres of farm land, and a little later forty acres of timber. Mr. Schroeder was a good manager, and having no rent to pay and exercising great industry and rigid economy, he was enabled each year to add a piece of modern machinery with which to facilitate his work.

While a resident of Flint River township Mr. Schroeder was road supervisor for a number of years, in which capacity he served to the satisfaction of all. In 1870, deciding to give up farming on such a large scale, he sold his farm and moved to Burlington, where he purchased ten acres of land at 1005 Starr Avenue. Since then he has improved his land very much, and now has the greater part of it planted in fruit trees and grape vines, having also a fine garden. He takes much pleasure in the care of it, and though he is eighty-eight years old, he is still able to supply the family table with all kinds of fresh vegetables from his own garden.

Just before Mr. Schroeder left Germany, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Stolman, the happy event occurring May 4, 1844. Mrs. Schroeder was a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Stolman. They have had nine children, of whom only three are living: The first child died in infancy. Henry, born June 14, 1846, married Anna Schroeder, who lives at Harpers' Mills, Ill., and died aged forty-eight years. Mary (Mrs. Fred Quelle), died in 1890, aged forty-four

years. William F., whose sketch appears in this book. Elaney, died at the age of eight years. Margaret, died aged seven years. Catherine, married John August Dustman, Oct. 31, 1878. Mr. Dustman is the youngest brother of J. H. Dustman, the grocer, whose sketch appears in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Dustman have two children: Arthur, born Aug. 25, 1879, married Maud Rush; Ruth, born May 25, 1894, is a student in the schools of Burlington. Elizabeth, born Oct. 31, 1862, married Chris Swenker, and lives on Starr Avenue, next door to her parents. Carl, died in infancy.

Mrs. Schroeder died Oct. 31, 1884. She was born in Germany, Feb. 19, 1829. Her father was a farmer, and had three daughters, all deceased.

Mr. Schroeder cast his first presidential vote for James Buchanan, in 1856, but when Abraham Lincoln was elected he changed from a Democrat to a Republican, which ticket he has supported ever since. Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder have long been devoted members of the Methodist church, where the former has served as deacon several times, and is now serving a long term as trustee. In fact he has filled every office in the church but that of preacher.

In Mr. Schroeder his friends and acquaintances have found one who possesses all those sterling qualities that, united, make a true man and an honored citizen. His life, so full of activity and strong determination of purpose, is well worthy of emulation. The struggles and many sacrifices he was compelled to make in the early pioneer times were a great school of experience to him, and having a retentive memory he thus proves a very pleasing and instructive companion to his many friends and neighbors.

WILLIAM F. SCHROEDER.

WILLIAM F. SCHROEDER is an honorable and upright citizen, and belongs to one of the pioneer families of the county. He is a son of John H. and Elizabeth (Stolman) Schroeder, and was born in Flint River township, Des Moines county, April 22, 1850. The sketch of his parents appears elsewhere in this book. Mr. Schroeder attended the district schools in his native township, and later spent one year in Howe's Academy, in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. After his school days were over, he worked two years for T. W. Barhydt, and then spent the next three years as clerk in the dry-goods store of Hutchinson & Schramm. About this time he entered into partnership with his brother in the grocery business on Agency Street, and after two years bought out his brother, and ran the grocery alone for a year. Selling his grocery, he engaged in the insurance business.

His next step was to move to his father's home, where he remained for one year looking after his father's interest on the place. After this he was engaged in the express business for some eleven years, when his father becoming feeble, Mr. Schroeder again moved to the parental home, and now cares for the fruit on the place.

Oct. 17, 1879, Mr. Schroeder married Miss Mary A. Conrad, a daughter of William and Marie (Miller) Conrad, who was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, June 1, 1855. Her parents came to Burlington, Iowa, from Philadelphia in 1856 and settled at 818 Summer Street. Mr. Conrad clerked for many years in the grocery store of John Darling on South Hill. Mrs. Conrad died in 1881, and Mr. Conrad in 1876.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad were the parents of five children, four sons and one daughter, and all the sons but the youngest were soldiers in the Civil War: Peter, died in 1879; George Philip, lives in Monmouth, Ill.; John, died in 1881; William, resides in Wapello; and Mary, the wife of Mr. Schroeder of this review. Mrs. Schroeder obtained her education in the German and public schools in Burlington.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder three children have been born: John, a teamster, married Dora Jensen, has one child, Kenneth, and lives in Burlington; George W., shipping clerk at the Burlington Paper Company; and Mable Carrie, a valued employee at the Keehn-Hafner book bindery.

Mr. Schroeder has always been a Republican, but not an office aspirant. Mrs. Schroeder is a devoted member of the Trinity Lutheran church, is a woman of many virtues, and possesses a kind and loving disposition. Mr. Schroeder has ever been active and industrious, and has made his way in the world a step at a time. He is genial and cordial, and is well and favorably known throughout the community.

JOSEPH A. BRUN.

JOSEPH A. BRUN, now residing on his large farm, known as Walnut Lawn, situated on Sections 2 and 11, Augusta township, was born in Alsace, France, Feb. 20, 1842, a son of John B. and Frances M. (Frantz) Brun. Both parents were also natives of Alsace, where the father's birth occurred in January, 1820, he being of French lineage, and the mother of Swiss parentage. In 1852, when our subject was

but ten years of age, the family emigrated to America, landing at New York after a voyage lasting thirty-two days, and from that port proceeded westward to Ohio to take up a temporary location in the vicinity of Richmond.

A school-teacher in his native land, the father began farming on his arrival in America, but soon became a contractor, and did some railroad contracting while in Ohio. Subsequently he removed with his family to Vandalia, Ill. There he did a considerable amount of contracting for the Illinois Central Railroad Company, remaining at that place until the year 1855, when he again removed, this time to Iowa. He purchased a farm of forty acres in Augusta township, Des Moines county, one-half mile from the village of Augusta. He was always enterprising and successful, so that his little farm in time grew to one hundred and fifty-six acres. He resided there until the time of his death, which occurred in 1873, while his widow survived him until a few years ago, when her demise occurred in the seventy-sixth year of her age. Both were members of the Catholic church, of which they were ever faithful supporters. They were the parents of seven children, four of whom survive, and one son, Emil, still resides on the old home farm in Augusta township.

As a boy Mr. Brun received the advantages of an education in the local schools, meantime becoming familiar, by actual practice, with all the manifold details of farm management. He remained at the parental home until he was nineteen years of age, when he decided to devote the energies of his young manhood to the welfare of his adopted country, and in 1863 enlisted in Company C of the First Iowa Cavalry. With his regiment he went to the front, and

participated in a number of hotly contested battles, besides much other duty, both in camp and field, which was probably even more arduous than actual combat. The greater portion of three years he spent amid the dangers and deprivations of war, in the insalubrious climate of the South, being mustered out of the military service in February, 1866, at the city of Austin, Texas.

After receiving honorable discharge from the army, Mr. Brun returned to his Iowa home, and engaged in the conduct of a tannery business in partnership with his brother, John Brun, at Augusta, continuing in this enterprise for six years. The firm, which used the style of Brun & Brun, was quite successful; but desiring to return to farming, and seeing the great possibilities of that pursuit in Iowa, Mr. Brun purchased eighty acres of land in Monroe county, where he established a home, and continued to reside for eight years. At the expiration of that period he disposed of the farm, and returned to Des Moines county in 1881, locating in Augusta township on what still remains a part of his present farm. His original purchase consisted of one hundred and fifty-six acres, which has been practically doubled in size by subsequent additions, so that he now holds three hundred acres, comprising a great deal of highly productive land under cultivation and a goodly amount of grazing land. All the many improvements of which the great farm may boast are of his own planning and installation, and he has also thoroughly remodeled the house, making it modern in every respect. This is a large and handsome stone structure, and is one of the oldest dwellings in the county, having been erected in 1845. A large and commodious new barn stands upon the farm grounds, and the family resi-

dence is surrounded by a beautiful and well-kept lawn, ornamented with numerous graceful shade trees, while everywhere is visible the tasteful care and attention to the details and comforts of life which make the country home ideal.

In November, 1868, Mr. Brun wedded Miss Frederica Unterkircher a daughter of Adam Unterkircher. Mr. Unterkircher, who died at his farm home at an advanced age, was numbered among the early settlers of Des Moines county.

To Mr. and Mrs. Brun have been born eight children, as follows: Joseph, who died in infancy, at the age of eight months; Anna; Bertha; Mary, who is the wife of Frank Mitchell, now engaged in farming near Yarmouth, and has one child, Odetta; John, now residing on one of his father's farms, where he has a fine home; Fred, who is a member of the parental household; and William and Sophie, also at home. Of this family the five last named were born in Monroe county.

In his political allegiance a life-long supporter of the Republican party, Mr. Brun has frequently been the recipient of public honors at the hands of his fellow-citizens. In the year 1883 he was elected to the office of trustee of Augusta township, while he has been supervisor of highways for a long term of years, a position in which he has been able to accomplish much useful and necessary work; for few realize more fully than does he the importance of good roads in a farming community, where the means of transportation and communication mean even more than in the great cities and centers of population. In 1902 he was again elected to the office of township trustee, which he now holds. His public service has been long, faithful, and always distinguished

by practical business ability of a high order. In his fraternal relations Mr. Brun is identified with Bonny Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, at Denmark, having held most of the offices of the post, and thus keeps up in some degree his association with his former comrades in arms. His career and present position are such as any man might contemplate with genuine satisfaction, for while by the exercise of his natural talents, by diligence and wise management, he has achieved great material success, his high personal character and his justice and fairness to others have won him the esteem of all.

JAMES A. ANDERSON.

THE most important task of the historian is to trace the facts and institutions of modern life to their distant origins in the remote past, to show their ever-increasing influence on advancing civilization, to note their inner significance in the light of research and study, and to draw therefrom valuable lessons for the guidance of mankind at the present time and in future generations. Thus it is in works like the present volume that it is especially desirable to treat fully of the founding and establishment of communities; and certainly no enterprise could be worthy of more careful and conscientious execution than that which has for its object to record the lives and deeds of the noble band of pioneers who builded broad and deep the foundations of the great commonwealth of Iowa—to treat of their early struggles and difficulties, their hopes, fears, and discouragements, their

efforts and their triumphs, and their final glorious victory over the opposing and hostile forces of nature, with the result which to-day clothes the land as a garment woven of peace, prosperity, and civilization. The one and only way to accomplish this purpose is to tell, simply and in detail, the life stories of individuals, and the name which stands at the head of this review is that of one highly deserving to be considered a representative of the class to which he belongs.

Mr. Anderson, who now resides on his productive farm of sixty-three and one-half acres in Section 30, Burlington township, is a native of Kentucky, having been born in Carrollton in that State on Nov. 1, 1834, the son of Seth and Emily M. (Goddard) Anderson. The father, who was also a native of Kentucky, was there engaged in farming, and on coming to Iowa entered from the government a half section of land, of which he later sold all but eighty acres, this including the farm on which our subject still resides. Here he erected a good and substantial log cabin and made other necessary improvements, cutting some of the timber; and here he continued to reside until his death, which occurred about four years after his removal to Iowa, his widow surviving him many years, her demise occurring in the seventy-fifth year of her age. She was born in Maryland and removed to Kentucky in childhood. They were the parents of three children, as follows: James A., the subject of this sketch; John F., who is now a resident of Oregon; and Matilda, who died at the age of eleven years, in Union township, this county. The mother afterward remarried, her second husband being Comfort Peck, who

was in early life a plasterer and stonemason by trade, but later a farmer in Arkansas. He is now deceased. To this union were born one son and one daughter, Elizabeth and Herbert.

When Mr. Anderson was but sixteen months old his parents decided to remove to the great West, and he accompanied them on the trip, which was made by boat, they first descending the Ohio River to its confluence with the Mississippi, and thence ascending the latter stream to Burlington, landing at the "cascade," opposite the site of the present Crapo Park. The family then settled in Burlington township, as stated, near Burlington, and it was there our subject passed the days of his boyhood and youth engaged in the arduous labors of a pioneer's life, and enjoying few of the advantages which are now free to all. If it could be our privilege to look back upon those days exactly as they were, and to behold for a day the actual routine of the boy's life, we should see him arising from his humble bed long before the first ray of day-break, hurrying out to do the numerous "chores" which fell to his care, and then, after a hasty breakfast at peep of day, hard at work sawing logs for cordwood. This was continued until almost the last moment before time for the session of school to begin, when he would drop his work and run with all speed to the log structure in which classes were held, there to seat himself upon a bench which consisted of one-half of a split log supported by four stakes, and begin working on his lessons at a desk that was merely a slab resting on stakes driven into the logs that formed the schoolhouse wall. Thus he acquired the meager learning of

the time in the district schools; and instead of the eight, nine, and ten months now customary, school was held for only four months in the year—a limitation which greatly increased the difficulty of securing a good education. After his day at school the boy returned home in the evening to more hard work, but he continued it courageously for many years; and in fact, all his life since coming to Iowa has been passed upon the home farm, with the exception of two years during which he was engaged in farming in Arkansas.

Mr. Anderson was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Mary E. Vertz, a native of Indiana county, Pennsylvania, where she was born April 26, 1839, the daughter of George and Mary (Wheeling) Vertz, also of Pennsylvania birth, who early removed to Iowa and settled in Burlington township, Des Moines county. They afterward removed to Warren county, where the father, who was a farmer, died at the age of sixty-four years, while the demise of the mother occurred in Polk county in her seventy-sixth year. Both were faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and were highly esteemed for the Christian virtues which formed their lives.

To Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have been born four children, as follows: Virginia, born Aug. 16, 1861, became the wife of Albert Harvey, late of Scranton, Pa., where he died seven years ago, survived by his widow and two children, Alice and Albert J.; Frank B., born in 1863, residing on his father's farm, where he conducts his father's fruit and vegetable farming, was married first to Miss Rachel

Middleman, by whom he had two children, Herbert and May, and has since been remarried, his second wife being Miss Addie Colbert; Horace C., born Feb. 14, 1865, was killed at the age of twenty-three years, eleven months, and fourteen days by the explosion of a boiler while engaged at work in a silk factory at Scranton, Pa., survived by his widow, now residing in Cincinnati, who was Miss Nellie Vance, and by whom he had one child that died in infancy; and Lillian E., born March 7, 1870, and died July 1, 1894, was the wife of Lewis Wedertz, and was the mother of two children, Hazel, now deceased, and Harry.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are both members of the Methodist Episcopal church, to whose support they have always been very liberal contributors, and in whose work they have always taken a deep and active interest, Mr. Anderson having for a long term of years been one of its most prominent workers, and acting for many years as class-leader and as superintendent of the Sunday-school—a work to whose performance he took much ability and great earnestness of purpose, accomplishing a vast amount of good, and very materially advancing the cause of religion in the community in which he has passed his useful career.

Fraternally, he is a member of the United Workmen and of the Iowa Legion of Honor, while in matters of politics he has been a consistent member of the Republican party; and although he has never cared to hold public office, he has for a number of years acted as director of the public schools to the general satisfaction. His principal business is the growing of fruit and vegetables on his farm, and in

this he has been conspicuously successful, achieving very satisfactory rewards in a pecuniary way and establishing a wide reputation for high-class products in these lines.

For almost three and one-half score years he has been an interested witness of the development of the State in which his lot is cast, and in every juncture of affairs he has done his full share in the work to be performed toward worthy ends. He has, withal, achieved a true and lasting success, both material and spiritual, and that in face of difficulties whose magnitude the young men of to-day would find it hard to realize, so that while he enjoys the high esteem of many friends, the best heritage which he will leave to his descendants is the priceless legacy of a spotless name, linked with the record of a character which has ever been marked by resolute and consecrated strength and by absolute uprightness and integrity in every relation of life.

HERMAN THIE.

HERMAN THIE came to America nearly forty years ago, and has resided in Des Moines county all the time, during which period he has seen many changes and valuable improvements. He was born in Westphalia, Germany, Nov. 18, 1845, where he attended school and remained till he was nearly twenty-one years of age. On May 1, 1866, he started to cross the ocean, and after arriving in the New World he continued his journey westward, leaving New York and all other Eastern cities behind him. He

came direct to Burlington, Iowa, where he found himself nearly ten dollars in debt and without knowledge of the language. Here he remained for some five and one-half years as a teamster, and then, having saved his earnings, turned his attention to farming. He felt quite proud to be able at this time to purchase a small place of forty acres in Section 31, Benton township, to which, a few years afterward, he added twenty acres more; and by economy and good judgment has embraced opportunities till to-day he owns and operates one hundred and thirty-nine and one-half acres of rich and fertile land, where he carries on general farming and stock-raising. Although this farm was partially improved when Mr. Thie first obtained it, still he has made many changes, erecting a large and modern barn, substantial outbuildings, and is now erecting a beautiful new dwelling, which, when completed will add much to the appearance of his farm.

Dec. 23, 1871, Mr. Thie and Miss Eliza Kampmier were married. Mrs. Thie is a daughter of Ernest and Carrie (Koch) Kampmier, and was born in St. Louis, Mo. Her parents came to Iowa at a very early day, and in 1853, when Mrs. Thie was about nine years old, they settled in Benton township, where he owned property adjoining the farm of Mr. Thie, and where he resided till some eighteen years ago, when he retired, and is now living in a pleasant home on Sunnyside Avenue, in Burlington, and although in the eighty-eighth year of his age is still hale and hearty. Mr. and Mrs. Kampmier have had five children, all of whom are living.

Of the six children that have blessed

the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thie, four are living: Herman, married Miss Mary Blumm, daughter of William Blumm, of Augusta township, resides one and one-half miles south of Mediapolis, and has two boys, Arnold and Albert; William, a rural mail carrier on Latty Route No. 1, and resides at home; Carrie, aged fifteen years; and Amelia, aged eleven years, both at home; Julia and Lewis, both died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Thie are earnest members of the Evangelical church, in Benton township. He is a Republican, and has been the honored and efficient treasurer of the school district for the past twenty years. He is truly a self-made man; coming to the township with but little of material things, day by day he has labored and toiled with a firm will and the greatest of activity, until to-day he has many comforts which this life affords. His record is one of many that proves that honest methods and moral living will bring prosperity to the poorest of men, as well as making friends among all.

JACOB WILLIAMS.

THE name which introduces this review is one familiar to the people of eastern Iowa, and it is one which suggests to the honest man a feeling of confidence. Jacob Williams, sheriff of Des Moines county, Iowa, was born in the year 1857, in Adams county, Illinois, the son of Jacob and Margaret (Schaefer) Williams, both natives of Germany. The father came to America when about thirteen years of age, growing to manhood's estate in Quincy, Ill., where his death occurred in 1890, followed by



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that of his wife in 1892, and both are there buried. To them were born twelve children, seven of whom still survive, as follows: Kate, widow of William Smith, resides in Milwaukee; Jacob, our subject; Maggie, wife of John Strauss, of Quincy, Ill.; Lizzie, wife of Barney Brink, of Kansas City; Nettie, wife of George Humphreys, of Milwaukee; Anna, wife of Eric Anderson, of St. Louis; and Emma, wife of Ed. Struby, also of St. Louis.

Passing his early years in the city of Quincy, Mr. Williams obtained his education in the public schools of that place, and on the completion of his studies, looking about for an occupation in which to engage as a means of making his own way in the world, he decided to learn the trade of cigar-making. He accordingly entered himself as an apprentice, and after serving the regulation period of three years, became a journeyman. Ambitious to secure further advantages, he came to Burlington in 1877, being for a time employed at his trade by Mr. Dehner, and also by Mr. Dempsey, large manufacturers. For eight or ten years he engaged in the saloon business on North Main Street, but sold the business, and bought of Mr. George Smith a cigar store at Corse and Osborn Streets, which he continued to conduct very successfully for about five years. At the expiration of the latter period he acted for a time as manager of the Turner Hall, and in 1892 he was elected sheriff of Des Moines county, to fill the unexpired term of Sheriff Muenzenmeyer, deceased. In this position he served for one year, and in 1903 he was re-elected for a term of two years.

At Burlington, in 1882, Mr. Williams wedded Miss Josephine Florang, who was born and reared in Switzerland, and to them have been born three sons: Andrew, who

married Miss Edna Smith, resides in Galesburg, Ill., where he is at the present time employed in the freight department of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad; Jacob H., who is still a member of his father's household, is a cigar-maker by trade, and is employed in the Dehner factory; Clarence B., also at home, is a pupil in the public schools. The family occupies a pleasant home at Grace and Highland Avenues, erected by Mr. Williams in 1893.

Our subject is a member of the Catholic church, to whose support he is a generous contributor, and in his fraternal relations he occupies a leading position, having membership in Aerie No. 750, Fraternal Order of Eagles, of Burlington, of which he is a charter member; in Cigar-makers' Union No. 72; in the Sterbekasseverein, a German beneficiary order of Des Moines county; and in the Burlington Turnverein. He has always been an active worker in the ranks of the Democratic party, in whose principles he is a believer, and has for many years past occupied a very influential position in the counsels of his party, having been for two years chairman of the city central committee of Burlington, and for four years committeeman for the first ward. He is a man of unusual ability, a fact which he has amply demonstrated since entering upon the duties of his office as sheriff, and it is scarcely necessary to say that he is endowed with a strong individuality, and manifests the most intrepid bravery when in the face of desperate situations, and a remarkable coolness and presence of mind under all circumstances. As a man among men, he holds the confidence and esteem of all who know him intimately, and the strength and loyalty of his character have made him many friends.

MICHAEL WARREN.

MICHAEL WARREN, deceased, was a pioneer of Des Moines county of 1849. His birth occurred in County Meath, Ireland, Dec. 3, 1830, his parents being Richard and Ann (Murray) Warren. He spent the days of his boyhood and youth on the Emerald Isle, and was educated in the public schools there. When a young man of nineteen years he became imbued with the desire to seek a home in America, and bidding adieu to friends and native country he crossed the Atlantic in 1849, making his way at once to Des Moines county, where his remaining days were passed. He was early employed here in a lumber yard for two years, and after his marriage began farming on his own account.

It was in the year 1853 that Mr. Warren was united in marriage to Miss Esther Garzan, who also came to the United States in 1849. She too was a native of Ireland, and made her way to New Orleans on a sailing vessel, and thence up the Mississippi River to Burlington. The year after his marriage, he and his wife took up their abode upon a farm of eighty acres, which Mrs. Warren had purchased, and there they lived until his death in 1864. He gave his attention in undivided manner to the cultivation of the fields, and as the years passed, harvested good crops, his farm work being successfully conducted. The mother continued to reside upon the old family homestead until June 6, 1904, when she was called to her final rest.

The children of this marriage are: Anna, who resides upon the home farm; Mary, a Sister of Charity in Chicago; and Marguerite and Julia, both deceased. Mary went to Dubuque, Iowa, where she attended

the institute of St. Joseph, and is now in Chicago. The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic church, of which both Mr. and Mrs. Warren were communicants, and his political support was given to the Democracy. He lived a busy life, his industry being one of the strong elements in his character. Both he and his wife were held in high regard by those who knew them.

WILLIAM HENRY KRIEGER.

WILLIAM HENRY KRIEGER was a native son of Des Moines county who throughout his entire life was identified with agricultural pursuits in Flint River township. He was born on the old farm homestead on Section 3, this township, June 2, 1858, his parents being Christian and Mary (Brandt) Krieger, both of whom were natives of Germany. In their family were eight children, of whom he was the fourth in order of birth. His mother died in 1896, and was survived for a number of years by the father, who departed this life in March, 1904.

William H. Krieger was reared under the parental roof, and mastered the branches of learning taught in the common schools, while in the periods of vacation he became equally familiar with the duties that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He continued with his parents up to the time of his marriage, when he took up his abode upon a rented farm in Flint River bottom, where he lived for six years. He then returned to the old homestead to take care of his parents in their declining years, and remained with them until they were called to their final rest. In 1890 he purchased the home farm, which comprises one hundred and

forty acres of rich and arable land, and returns good crops as a reward for the care and labor bestowed upon the fields.

March 26, 1885, Mr. Krieger was united in marriage to Miss Mary Temple, who was born in Lee county, Iowa, and is a daughter of Adam and Barbara (Werle) Temple, both of whom were natives of Germany. They were married, however, in Burlington, and they became the parents of seven children, of whom Mrs. Krieger was the fifth in order of birth. She lost her mother when eleven years of age, and afterward spent much of her girlhood in Burlington.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Krieger were born four children: Anna, born Nov. 19, 1887; Walter, Aug. 21, 1889; Caroline, Dec. 9, 1891; and Esther, July 26, 1898. The parents were Lutherans in religious faith, and Mr. Krieger was a Democrat, interested and active in the work of his party. He served as constable, as road supervisor, and as school director, and has been prompt and faithful in the discharge of his duties in these various offices. He was also agent of the German Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Des Moines county. He died, Dec. 22, 1903, at the home place.

FREDERICK KRIEGER.

FREDERICK KRIEGER is the owner of a farm in Franklin township which presents an excellent appearance, being supplied with all modern equipments and accessories that are in keeping with a model farm of the twentieth century. Mr. Krieger was born in Flint River township, Aug. 22, 1853, his parents being Christian and Mary (Brand) Krieger, both of whom were natives of Germany.

Coming to America on a sailing vessel, they landed at New Orleans after a voyage of fourteen weeks. This was in the year 1851, and they made their way from the Crescent City up the Mississippi River to St. Louis, where they spent about a month. They then resumed their journey to Des Moines county, and Mr. Krieger purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in the northwestern corner of Flint River township. He was an energetic and enterprising agriculturist, and in the development of his land displayed excellent business ability.

He resided upon the old homestead until his death, which occurred in April, 1904, when he had attained a ripe old age, while his wife passed away in April, 1895. They were classed with the pioneer settlers of the community, and in a long life displayed many excellent traits of heart and mind, and thus gained the friendship of those with whom they were associated. Their son Frederick was the fourth in order of birth in a family of seven children, five sons and two daughters. The others now living are Henry and Charles, the three brothers being among the respected residents of Des Moines county.

Frederick Krieger made his home with his parents until twenty-three years of age, his youth being passed in the usual manner of farm lads of the period who belonged to families in the middle station in life. He worked in the fields through the summer months until he had gained intimate knowledge of the best methods of farming, and when crops were harvested in the autumn he entered the public schools, and therein mastered the common branches of English learning. When twenty-three years of age he was married to Miss Fredericka

Schaele, who was born in Flint River township, and is a daughter of Henry and Anna (Richter) Schaele. The children born of this union are: Olenda M., the wife of John Schulze, a resident farmer of Flint River township; John, who is living in Mount Union, and follows farming; and Herbert, who is attending school at Clinton, Iowa.

Subsequent to his marriage Mr. Krieger purchased seventy acres of land in Flint River township, whereon he resided for six years. He then sold that property, and operated a rented farm for five years, at the end of which time he bought seventy-three acres in Section 2, Franklin township. This was in 1891, and he has since erected numerous buildings there, and has one of the finest farms of the township. He has enclosed the place with a wire fence, has ditched and tiled the fields, and has continued the work of cultivation in keeping with modern ideas of agricultural progress, until the property is a splendidly developed farm on which there is not a foot of waste land. He annually harvests good crops, and the sales of his products bring him a gratifying financial return.

In politics he is a Democrat, but has no time nor inclination for office, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business affairs, in which he is meeting with signal success. He belongs to the German Lutheran church, and at all times his honorable business career is in keeping with his profession.

FREDERICK WILLIAM BUSSE.

FREDERICK WILLIAM BUSSE, one of the progressive farmers and younger residents of Flint River township, was born in

Prussia, Germany, April 3, 1844. He spent the early part of his life in his parents' home, and during that time acquired a fair education in the public schools. He was engaged in farming till he was twenty-seven years old, when he came to America, coming by way of New York and Chicago direct to Burlington. The first winter he was in the new country he was employed as a wood-chopper. After this he rented a farm of eighty acres in Burlington township till 1876, when he bought seventy acres of land in Augusta township; and as his business prospered from time to time, he was enabled to add to his farm till he had one hundred and seventy-five acres. In 1900 he purchased fifty acres in Flint River township, when a little later he added thirty-three acres more to it, so that now his place comprises eighty-three acres of good farm land. He sold all his Augusta property in 1901. He carries on general farming, and takes much pains in the raising of fine stock, being fully satisfied that the fine stock is the best. Some years he ships a whole car-load of nice fat steers to the Eastern markets, and has raised about seventy-five Poland hogs annually. Mr. Busse has a comfortable house, substantial barns, and other outbuildings necessary for the protection of grain and stock. His political affiliations are entirely independent, and he has never been an active politician or ever aspired to any office.

In February, 1886, Mr. Busse was married to Miss Sophia Zimmer, daughter of William and Dorothy Zimmer. Unto them were born nine children: F. W.; Henry; Edith, who is the wife of George Downs; Minnie, who married H. Jarvis; Bertha, the wife of Garry Brouken; Lena and Emma, at home; Christiana, with Christ Mohr, and

Ernst, at home. Mrs. Busse died June 5, 1887.

Mr. Busse is a member of the German Lutheran church, and at one time was the honored president of the board of trustees. His life has been characterized by untiring industry. He has ever realized there is no royal road to wealth, and as the result of his perseverance, close application, and diligence he has gained a valuable property. His genial manner and cordial disposition have made him popular with a large circle of friends.

FRED WILLIAM LUCAS.

FRED WILLIAM LUCAS, who follows general farming in Flint River township, where he has resided since he was two years old down to the present time, is a son of Christ and Mary (Scholtz) Lucas. Our subject was born in Saxony, Germany, July 4, 1865. As stated above he was only two years old when his parents brought him to America. From New York they came direct to Burlington, where his father in 1869 purchased a farm in the above-named township. A sketch of his father appears on another page in this review. Fred William Lucas attended the district schools in his adopted country, and obtained a good education, remaining with his parents till long after he had reached manhood, assisting in all of the farm work and the raising of the stock. He owns thirty-five acres of land on Section 11 in the township where he lives. Mr. Lucas has never been engaged in anything but farming, and his own character has developed in harmony with nature and her laws, and with constantly

growing appreciation for her beauties he has lived a life that has brought him "near to nature's heart." The whole appearance of his farm is typical of an American farmer.

May 14, 1896, he was married to Miss Ida Luea, daughter of Hermany and Mary (Fazee) Luea, and they are the parents of four children: Clarence, Harry, Selma, and Esther, all at home.

Politically, Mr. Lucas is a strong Democrat, and has filled the office of constable. He was elected road supervisor of his county in 1892, but resigned this office after serving for one year. Mr. and Mrs. Lucas are both members of the German Evangelical church. During his active business life he has acquired an extensive acquaintance with the farmers all around, and has always taken great delight in the methods of farm work, in the improvement of the machinery, and in every progressive effort that is made for the benefit of the agricultural class. All his strong traits of character are those that commend him to the confidence and good-will of the public, and he enjoys the warmest regard of all with whom he is associated.

THEODORE HINGST.

A CAREFUL and methodical farmer, a conscientious citizen, and a good neighbor and friend, Theodore Hingst has left behind him a record which will long keep his memory green in the hearts of those who knew him best. From the midst of comfort and luxury in the beautiful home erected almost by his own hands some years previous to his death, he was called to the higher life April

25, 1901, laying down alike the responsibilities and pleasures of living to render the account which all must give in time. His life has been well and worthily spent, a brief sketch being herewith given among the representative men of the community.

He is a son of John Hingst, and was born April 6, 1826, in Prussia, Germany. After receiving a practical education in the public schools of his native place he was apprenticed to learn the trade of a stone-mason. Mastering his trade thoroughly and to the satisfaction of his employers, he worked at it for himself till 1854, when he came to America, the country which has more opportunities for competent mechanics than some of the countries on the other side. He at once proceeded into the interior of the New World, locating at Sandusky, Ohio, where he remained three years. In 1857 he came to Burlington, Iowa, and at once secured employment with Mr. Florang, a reliable stone-mason of the same city. In the course of time he began to contract for himself, and met with gratifying results, being one of the leading stone-contractors of his adopted city for many years. Mr. Hingst did not seem to be satisfied with city life, although he had been very prosperous. He bought twenty acres, and later added forty acres in Flint River township. In 1874 he built his beautiful residence, it being then one of the most substantial homes in the township. When he built this house, Mr. Hingst exhibited great mechanical ability, not only in his own line but also in many more, as he did all the work himself except the roof, upon which he had assistance. His farm always indicated great thrift and energy on the part of its owner.

Jan. 15, 1861, Mr. Hingst wedded Miss Nobz, a daughter of John and Henrietta

(Nanitz) Nobz, the Reverend Frederick Fousel performing the ceremony in the Lutheran church, of Burlington. Mrs. Hingst was born Feb. 9, 1827, in Prussia, Germany, and came alone to this country when twenty-six years old. She owns a farm in Section 24, Flint River township, which she rents to Adolph Doemeland, whose brother has a sketch elsewhere in this work.

Mr. and Mrs. Hingst were blessed with seven children: John, of Burlington; William, a farmer on the bottom road in Burlington township; Charles, of Nebraska; Henry, a farmer residing on the farm adjoining his mother's; Louisa, married John Miller, and resides near Danville, Iowa; Edward, of Burlington; Fred, who superintends the home farm for his aged mother. The departed father and husband was always a strong Republican, but never sought public recognition at the hands of his party. He was also a member of the German Lutheran church, where his aged widow still holds membership and his family attends. The benevolent spirit of Mrs. Hingst has prompted her to many good deeds, and she is a woman loved and respected by all who know her.

HENRY QUELL.

AMONG those who have come from foreign lands to become prominent in business circles in Burlington, is Henry Quell, who for the past forty-three years has resided in this city. His enterprise and progressive spirit have made him a typical American in every sense of the word. He is a son of Andrew and ----- (Buchman) Quell, and was born in Germany, Sept. 6, 1840. All the education he obtained was in

his native land. At the age of thirteen he came to America with his father, making the journey in an old-time sailing vessel in a little over seven weeks, coming by way of New Orleans. As the river was very low then, they could only travel as far as Cairo by boat. From St. Louis they came by wagon, and reached here in the fall of 1854. About this time, or possibly a little later, there was a heavy snow-storm, the snow measuring from four to five feet on the level. This made a vivid impression on Mr. Quell, and it is very interesting to hear him relate incidents of this great blockade. He followed farming for some eight years, and then learned the cooper's trade. Looking ahead he saw better chances to accumulate in the marble trade, and for many years he carried on business on Corse Street, just at the entrance of Aspen Grove cemetery.

March 30, 1864, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Rife, daughter of Francis and Christena (Cook) Rife. Seven children blessed this union: Lillie, married Henry Middleman, and resides in Burlington; Catherine, at home; George, Edward, Charles, and Frank, of Burlington; and Lavina, at home. Mr. and Mrs. Quell are members of the Evangelical Lutheran church. Politically, Mr. Quell is a Democrat. In 1903 he practically retired from business, and now lives at his pleasant home at 409 Starr Avenue. Like his brother William, he began in the world with nothing but his own energy and willing hands to aid him. No one need but to stroll through our beautiful cemetery, mentioned above, to see the numerous specimens of Mr. Quell's artistic handiwork. His life of rest has been well earned, and to which he is justly entitled. He is a man whom to know is to respect.

JAMES SUTCLIFFE.

JAMES SUTCLIFFE, who was identified with farming interests in Des Moines county in early pioneer times, was a native of England, born near Halifax, and was married in that country to Miss Hannah Fernley, a native of Yorkshire, England. In the year 1847 they bade adieu to friends and native country, and sailed for the United States, taking up their abode near Dodgeville, in Franklin township, Des Moines county, Iowa. Mr. Sutcliffe purchased a farm there, and in the midst of pioneer surroundings began developing his land and improving the property. He was successful in his agricultural pursuits, and the sale of his crops and stock brought him a good financial return, while his economical living and careful management enabled him to add to his possessions, eventually becoming the owner of six hundred acres, all in this township. As the years passed he also enjoyed more of the comforts and luxuries of life, and he continued to remain upon his farm on Section 27 up to the time of his death, which occurred in March, 1873. His wife long survived him, departing this life Aug. 7, 1900. They were worthy pioneer people, respected for their many excellent traits of character and genuine worth. Mr. Sutcliffe was a man of enterprise and energy in business affairs, carefully directing his labors, and persistently carrying on his work until he became possessed of a very valuable property.

This worthy couple were the parents of five children: Hannah, became the wife of Frank Elkins, of Henry county, Iowa, and died in 1888; Sidney, living in

Franklin township, where he carries on agricultural pursuits; Helen, wife of Alfred Thomas; James H., resides upon the home place; and Demas M., also lives upon the old home farm. Following the mother's death the land was divided among the children. There are about three hundred and forty acres of tillable land in the old homestead, of which James H. Sutcliffe now owns seventy acres, all prairie land; while Demas Sutcliffe has two hundred and thirty acres, of which thirty acres have been cleared.

James H. Sutcliffe was born upon his father's original purchase, and has always made his home in Franklin township, being reared to the occupation of farming, while in the public schools he acquired a practical education. He was married, Oct. 15, 1892, to Miss Virginia Augusta Miller, a native of Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Levi and Anna (Robins) Miller.

Demas M. Sutcliffe was born Oct. 7, 1869, in Franklin township, and Feb. 21, 1895, he was married to Miss Margaret Catherine Heitmeier, who was born in Franklin township, a daughter of Henry and Hannah (Gesslin) Heitmeier, in whose family were three sons and five daughters, Mrs. Sutcliffe being the fifth in order of birth. Unto Demas M. Sutcliffe and his wife have been born six children: Henry, Ralph, Hannah, Ruth, Pearl, and Cecil.

James H. and Demas M. Sutcliffe have been partners in business throughout their entire lives, and now carry on general farming, and also raise Shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs. The sale of their crops, as well as their stock, brings them a good financial return, and

they are prospering in their business undertakings. The brothers are Republicans in political faith, are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and are known as representative business men, wide awake and energetic, accomplishing whatever they undertake, and so directing their labors as to become substantial farmers of their native county.

MICHAEL HELLENTHAL.

MICHAEL HELLENTHAL is one of the prominent and enterprising farmers of Huron township, where he has met with much success, and where he is well and favorably known. He is a son of John and Mary Walburga (Hornstein) Hellenenthal, and was born in Bavaria, Germany, Feb. 7, 1856. His parents came to America when he was about nine years of age by way of New York, and located for a short time in Burlington, Iowa. Later, his father bought a farm of one hundred and seven acres in Benton township, where he farmed for many years. Mr. Hellenenthal received his early education in the parish schools of Germany, and also attended the district schools of Des Moines county for a short time. When fifteen years of age he commenced to work by the month, and turned his wages over to his father to apply on the home farm. He was thus employed till he was twenty-two years of age when he began working for himself by the month, at which he remained for two years.

About this time he commenced farming on the Mississippi River bottom; but the high water coming up, overflowed his land, and took everything he had. He

gave up farming for a while, and came to Burlington, where he was engaged as a teamster for two years for the Rand Lumber Company. He seemed to prefer farm life, and accordingly went back to it, renting a place in Benton township, where he lived for two or three years. He afterward rented in Huron township for four years, when he bought seventy-nine acres of land in Section 34, Huron township, from John Peterson, and set about to improve and beautify the farm. He erected a comfortable and substantial nine-room house, a modern barn, and a convenient granary, besides other necessary outbuildings. He carries on general farming and stock-raising very extensively, and has all the modern farm machinery.

Oct. 10, 1887, Mr. Hellenthal was married to Miss Mary Louise Eibes, daughter of Joseph and Barbara (Christ) Eibes, who was born in Burlington, Iowa, Dec. 28, 1864, and was educated at St. John's Convent, of Burlington, Iowa. When she was about fourteen years of age, her parents moved to Huron township, and here she has resided ever since. Mr. and Mrs. Hellenthal have four children: Mary Louise, born Sept. 5, 1888; Antoinette Barbara, born Jan. 3, 1895; John Joseph, born June 26, 1898; Agnes Clementine, born Feb. 21, 1902.

Mr. and Mrs. Hellenthal are devoted members of the Roman Catholic church. In politics Mr. Hellenthal supports the Democratic party, and has served on the school board for two years. He began at the bottom round of the ladder in life, but by activity and ambition, together with high moral business principles, he has gradually advanced, round by round,

until to-day, when we find him comfortably settled, enjoying the esteem and good-will of his many friends and neighbors.

HENRY HEITMEIER.

THE statement that the Teutonic race has been a most important factor in the civilization of the world, finds proof upon the pages of history; and the Fatherland has sent many of its worthy sons to America, where they have aided in up-building the natural resources of the country, and in promoting progress along substantial lines of improvement. To this class Henry Heitmeier belongs. He was born in Prussia, Germany, and came to the United States when eighteen years of age, landing at New Orleans in 1857. He then made his way up the river to Burlington. The trip on the ocean had consumed about nine weeks, and two more weeks passed before he reached Des Moines county. Here he located upon a farm in Franklin township, and was employed by the month at farm labor for several years, when desiring that his efforts should more directly benefit himself, he rented a tract of land, which he cultivated for some time. In 1867 he purchased his present farm, becoming the owner of one hundred and five acres of rich land in Section 7, Franklin township. Here he has since made his home, devoting his time and energies to general farming and stock-raising with good success. He has placed all the improvements upon the property, has brought the fields under a high state of cultivation, and in fact has so directed his labors that his farm is now

one of the best developed in the locality. In matters of citizenship Mr. Heitmeier has always been interested; and while he has never sought to figure prominently in any public life, he has done his full share in a quiet way in the work of development here. His political allegiance is given to the Republican party, while his religious faith is evidenced by his membership in the German Evangelical church.

Mr. Heitmeier was married to Miss Hannah Goesling, who was born in Germany, and came from that country to Iowa at an early age, remaining a resident of Des Moines county until her death, which occurred about twenty-one years ago. By her marriage she became the mother of ten children, of whom eight are living: Louisa, the wife of Adam Vandemark, of Louisa county; Annie, the wife of Fred Riepe, a resident farmer of Franklin township; Edward, resides near Columbus Junction; Charles, makes his home near Morning Sun, Iowa; Maggie, the wife of Demas Sutcliffe, of Franklin township; Kate, the wife of Edward Riepe, of Franklin township; Frank, upon the home farm; Laura, the wife of Herman Berlin, a son of William M. Berlin, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Berlin: Wilfred, now living; and a son, Harry, who died in infancy.

Mrs. Berlin was born upon the old homestead farm, and pursued her education in the township schools. She remained under the parental roof until her marriage. Mr. Berlin is a native of Des Moines county, his birth having occurred in Flint River township, Dec. 2, 1875.

He acquired his education in the public schools of that locality, and also in the high school of West Burlington, and when not busy with his text-books, he performed such labor upon the home farm as his age and strength permitted. Ultimately he became familiar with all of the work incident to the cultivation of the fields and the care of the stock. He afterward went to Burlington, where he secured employment in the shops of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, and subsequently was an employee in the Murray Iron Works, where he remained until after the outbreak of the Spanish-American War, when, no longer content to work in the foundry, he offered his services to the government, becoming a member of Company B, Sixth Iowa Artillery, with which he served for three months. During that period he was stationed at Camp McKinley at Des Moines. The regiment, however, was not called forth to active service, and at the end of the three months he was mustered out and honorably discharged. After a short time, however, he re-enlisted in Company E, Thirty-ninth Iowa Infantry, and took active part in the campaign through the provinces of Laguna, Batangas, and Tayabas in the Philippines from December, 1899, until Feb. 10, 1900, during which time he was a participant in the skirmishes at San Cristobal River, Cabuyae, Santa Rosa, Santa Pedro, Santiago Hill, and San Paloc. He was honorably discharged May 6, 1901, after which he returned to the home place and engaged in farming. Subsequent to his marriage he began working upon his father-in-law's farm.

Both Mr. Berlin and Mr. Heitmeier

are recognized as leading agriculturists of the community, and the younger man is largely relieving the older of the active work of the fields. He is ambitious and energetic, determined and progressive, and will undoubtedly win success in his business career. His political allegiance is given to the Republican party, and he is now numbered among the honored veterans of the Spanish-American War, who did more than any other one agency to establish the right of this country to rank with the great powers of the world.

EMIL BRUN.

MR. BRUN, who is well known as a farmer and stock-raiser, and at present resides on his farm of one hundred and forty-seven acres in Section 23, Augusta township, in addition to which he owns another farm of ninety-five acres, is a native of Alsace, France. He was born Aug. 4, 1848, a son of John and Frances Brun, and came with his parents to America when but three years of age. The father, who was a man of excellent education, was a teacher in the government schools in France, but on the fall of the republic, of which he was a supporter, and the re-establishment of the monarchy, he lost this position. He then removed to the United States with his family, which consisted of his wife and six children, while another child was born after their arrival in this country. For a time he resided in Cincinnati, supporting those dependent upon him by whatever employment he could procure; but subsequently he removed to Illinois, where he obtained from the Illinois Central Railroad

Company the contract for grading its tracks between St. Louis and Chicago. After a year and a half in that State, he decided to go to Des Moines, Iowa, and brought his household goods as far as the city of Burlington, where he was delayed for a time by the illness of his wife; and being offered an opportunity to purchase land in Augusta township, he bought forty-five acres, where our subject now resides.

Thus the family became established in its present location, and for some time the father made his home here; but a sense of loyalty to his adopted country caused him to enlist in the Union army at the time of the Civil War. He went to the front with his regiment, and while on his way home, at the close of his term of service, stopped at St. Louis, became ill, and died there. He is buried in that city. He was a man of ability and indomitable character, a true type of the marvelously gifted nation from which he sprang, and the loss which his family sustained in his death was beyond calculation. The seven children who survived him are, in order of birth, as follows: Louisa, who became the wife of William Fischer, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Joseph A., to whom also a separate chapter is devoted; Mary, now deceased, was the wife of Charles Witherspach, and is survived by two children; John P., also deceased, married Miss Ida Hall, and left two children; Emil, subject of this memoir; Emma, who married William Blume, and resides in Augusta township; and Josephine, a resident of Lee county, Iowa, married Xavier Blint, and has seven children.

After the death of the husband and father, the mother of the family courageously took upon herself the task of conducting the farm

and rearing and educating the children. All her children received good education in the common schools, besides excellent home training, and she had the best of success in the management of the farm, increasing her holdings to a total of nine-five acres.

Mr. Brun, after attaining his majority, worked on the home farm for a time, in the employ of his mother, and on March 17, 1879, was united in marriage at West Point, Lee county, Iowa, to Miss Marie Watznauer. Mrs. Brun was born in Reichenberg, Bohemian Austria, a daughter of Edward and Mary (Bergmann) Watznauer, and when twenty years of age came to America with her parents, they locating in Lee county, Iowa. Prior to his marriage Mr. Brun had purchased the old home farm, to which he now brought his bride, they taking up their residence in the house built by his mother in 1870-71, and which still forms their home, while his mother removed to the village of Augusta. Her death occurred in that village Oct. 18, 1898, and she is there buried.

To Mr. and Mrs. Brun have been born nine children. They are: John, born Dec. 1, 1879; Emil, born Sept. 23, 1881; Edward, born Aug. 23, 1883; May, born Aug. 11, 1885, and died Sept. 2, 1885; Leopold, born Aug. 3, 1886; Arnold, born May 15, 1890; William, born Nov. 11, 1892, and died Nov. 14, 1892; Anna, born Nov. 28, 1894; and Frank, born Dec. 2, 1899. Mr. and Mrs. Brun are members of the Roman Catholic church, and in this church five of their children have been confirmed.

Our subject, in his political relations, is identified with the Republican party, but having devoted his talents to the management of his large farm, has never been an

aspirant for public office. He has been the witness of great advances in Des Moines county's material prosperity, to which he has largely contributed, and in some measure he has shared the hardships of pioneer life. On his farm still stands the original log cabin which was his home for years, and is supposed to have been built by Mr. Moffett, the first owner. He has been highly successful as a farmer, has won for himself a respected position in the community, and owes his advancement almost exclusively to his own efforts and abilities.

JOHN ROTH.

A NATIVE son of Des Moines county, a representative of one of its old pioneer families, and one who has become widely known by reason of the energy and ability which have brought success to all the enterprises in which he has engaged, is John Roth, now residing on his farm of ninety-one acres in Sections 19 and 20, Burlington township. Mr. Roth was born Sept. 12, 1859, in the home which he now occupies, the son of John and Magdalene (Adam) Roth, natives of France, who came with their parents to the United States about the year 1842, making the voyage in the same ship and celebrating their marriage soon after arriving in America. Landing in Baltimore, they spent a few months in Pennsylvania, after which they decided to try their fortunes in the new country, then known as the West, and came to Iowa, locating in Des Moines county, where the father of our subject entered the land on which his son now resides. Here he spent the

greater part of his active life, making all the many improvements on his land, and after an active, industrious, and successful career, died here in the eighty-third year of his age. He was a faithful member of the Catholic church, to whose support he was a constant contributor. In his political faith he was affiliated with the Democratic party. His own demise was preceded by about five years by that of his wife, in her seventy-third year. She, like himself, was a member of the Catholic church. They were the parents of a numerous family, having twelve children, our subject being the tenth in order of birth, and of these, seven still survive.

Mr. Roth passed the years of his boyhood and youth as his father's assistant in the work of the farm, meantime securing a good education in the district schools of his township, which was later supplemented by a course of study in the Commercial College, of Burlington. Upon his return from school he became manager of the farm, and on attaining his twenty-third year he received full possession of the farm, which has ever since that time continued to engage the chief part of his effort and attention. He engages largely in fruit-growing and in general farming and stock-raising, making specialties of Chester White hogs and Hereford cattle, having been largely instrumental in popularizing these famous breeds in this locality. The farm is a veritable model of neatness and perfect organization in every respect, for the proprietor has here put into operation many new and modern ideas with conspicuously successful effect. In addition to this farm he also owns somewhat more than three hundred acres of fine timber

land in Henderson county, Illinois, which at the present time he is having cleared, and is disposing of the timber by sale; while just south of his home farm, in Section 21, Burlington township, he holds title to an eighty-acre tract of valuable farming land which is already partially improved.

On November 24, 1880, Mr. Roth was united in marriage to Miss Augusta Bokenkamp, who was born in Burlington, Iowa, the daughter of Dietrich and Fredericka (Fortman) Bokenkamp, both parents being natives of Germany, who came to America in early youth. The father was by trade a carpenter, an occupation which he followed in Burlington until his death at the age of forty-two years, survived by his widow, who still resides in Burlington. Mrs. Roth is one of a family of eight brothers and sisters, of whom six still survive. To Mr. and Mrs. Roth, at their home in Burlington township, have been born two sons, the elder being Clarence A., born Jan. 10, 1882, who now resides at Little Rock, Ark., where he has for some time successfully engaged in the undertaking and embalming business. He is a young man of much ability, and was well educated, having received his training in the schools of Burlington and St. Louis. The younger son, Lyman H., born June 26, 1884, is a student in a business college at Burlington.

Mr. Roth has been careful to provide his sons with every advantage of training, being a firm believer in the value and desirability of education, and always earnest in urging its claims to attention. A man who has at heart the best interests of his community, he takes an intense interest also in affairs of politics, and has at-

tained to a position of great influence in the counsels of the Democratic party, of which he is a valued member, and for whose triumphs he has long been a faithful worker.

In recognition of his services he has received at the hands of his fellow-citizens many posts of trust and honor, at the present time holding the office of township trustee, of which he has been the incumbent for the last three years; and he is also treasurer of the school board of Burlington township, in both of which offices he has displayed unusual fitness, and won the unreserved commendation of the general public which he serves. He is a supporter of the Catholic church, in which he was baptized, and lends his aid and encouragement to all worthy movements that come to his notice. Throughout life he has displayed great business ability, sound judgment, and accurate discrimination, always quick to take advantage of an opportunity, and ever evincing a steadfastness of purpose which has made him a marked man in the world of affairs, so that he has fairly won his great success; and at the same time the strict fairness and impartiality which have characterized him in all his dealings have won him the general respect, and by reason of his loyalty and genial disposition he enjoys the regard of a host of friends.

JOHN WHITEMORE.

ONE of the prominent and highly respected farmers of Pleasant Grove township, and who has accomplished much for the

community, as well as one who has served his country in time of war, is John Whittemore. He is a son of John P. and Delilah (Miller) Whittemore, and was born in Brown county, Illinois, July 3, 1844. His father was born in Connecticut, and the mother in Wooster, Ohio. When the father was only nineteen years old he came to Illinois, and located near Springfield, where he remained for about eighteen months. In 1834 he moved to Fort Madison, Iowa, where he followed the trade of a millwright, and put up the old log jail—the first in that county. In 1844 he returned to Illinois, and took up his residence in Brown county, during which time he was engaged at his trade. After removing to Keokuk county, Iowa, where he lived for five years, he was elected justice of the peace of that county, and had the honor of performing the first marriage ceremony in that place. In the year of 1850 he again returned to Illinois, and located on the home place, and there remained till his death, which occurred at the age of fifty-nine years. He is buried in Brown county, Illinois. He and his good wife were members of the Methodist church. Politically, he was a Democrat, and served his party well. He was a good man, and was honored by all for his many noble traits of character. The mother of our subject outlived her husband some nine years, dying in 1878 at the age of seventy-two years, and is laid by the side of her husband. She was a woman of great strength of character, and beloved by all. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom John, of this review, was the third youngest and the only remaining one living.

Our subject was educated in Brown county, Illinois, and assisted on the home place till 1862, when he enlisted in Com-

pany F, One Hundred and Nineteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served till the close of the war. He was in nine noted battles — Nashville; Pleasant Hill, La.; Yellow Bayou, La.; at the capture of Fort De Rusa, La.; Tapelow, Miss.; and at the capture of the fort in Mobile, Ala. After being honorably discharged in Mobile, he returned to his old home in Illinois. Remaining here but a short time, he came to Iowa and purchased a farm of seventy-five acres in Pleasant Grove township, Des Moines county, where he has resided ever since. Besides farming to a large extent, he raises some fine stock, and for a part of the time he is engaged in the erection of houses and barns, having learned the trade of a carpenter in his younger days. The house and other improvements on his farm are all his handiwork. During harvest time Mr. Whittemore operates a threshing machine in his neighborhood. He is a Republican, and has served as justice of the peace in Pleasant Grove township with great satisfaction to all.

Nov. 5, 1865, Mr. Whittemore was married to Miss Mary E. Despain, daughter of John and Maria (Perkins) Despain, who came to Iowa in 1882, and located in Pleasant Grove township, where they resided till their deaths. Mr. Despain's farm consisted of twenty-four acres of land, and it was on this place that his death occurred when he was seventy-two and a half years old. His widow lived to the age of eighty-three years, her death taking place about two years ago. They were the parents of five children, four of whom are living, of which Mrs. Whittemore is the second in age: Milton resides on the old home place in Pleasant Grove township; Belinda is the wife of Jacob Shepherd, of Pleasant Grove town-

ship; Silas resides in Henry county, Iowa; and Newton lives in Pleasant Grove township. Mr. Despain was an ardent Democrat, and a supporter of the Baptist church.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Whittemore six children have been born, as follows: (1) Maria, the wife of William H. Wilkinson, and resides in Washington township. They have five children, Harrison, Maggie, Margaret, Wesley and Olive. (2) John M., married Miss Anna Perkins, a daughter of William J. Perkins, who died at the home place in Pleasant Grove township Jan. 11, 1905, aged fifty-six years, six months, and two days. He was born in Kentucky, and came to Iowa with his father when a very small child. Mr. Perkins married Miss Sarah E. McNamee, July 10, 1869, who is still living on the home place in Pleasant Grove township, and whose birth occurred in Pennsylvania. (3) Mary, married William L. Perkins, a brother of Anna Perkins, who married her brother, John Milton, has one child, Everett, and lives on a farm in Pleasant Grove township. (4) William N., died at the age of twenty-three years, soon after his marriage to Miss Stella Hale, daughter of George and Lena (McCune) Hale. (5) Miss Mary Whittemore, at home. (6) Died while small.

Mrs. Whittemore passed away Nov. 17, 1901, at the old home, and is buried in the cemetery in Pleasant Grove township. She was a devoted wife and a consistent Christian lady, being a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. Mr. Whittemore holds membership in the Methodist church. He has a record of which he may justly be proud — a man with a spotless name, a brave and gallant soldier, and one who has ever been active and progressive in all that would be of benefit to his community.

HERMAN SCHWARTZ.

HERMAN SCHWARTZ, one of the native sons of Franklin township still residing within its borders, was born Feb. 25, 1859, and is of German lineage. His father, Henry Schwartz, was a native of Prussia, and was there married to Miss Mary Wietman, also a native of the same locality. In the year 1853 they crossed the Atlantic to America, taking passage on a sailing vessel, which, after twenty-three days, dropped anchor in the harbor of New York. For five years they remained residents of the Empire State, living most of the time at Lockport, where the father engaged in farm work. They then continued their journey westward until they arrived at Burlington, where they remained until Mr. Schwartz could secure a location. Soon, however, he took up his abode upon a small farm of twenty acres in Section 34, Franklin township. He made improvements thereon, and extended the boundaries of his farm by additional purchases until it comprised sixty acres of rich and productive land, to the further development and cultivation of which he devoted his energies up to the time of his death, which occurred Nov. 19, 1875. His wife still survives, with her one son, Herman, the fifth in order of birth in a family of two sons and five daughters.

Herman Schwartz was born upon the farm where his father first located upon coming to Des Moines county, and has here made his home until the present time. He has purchased eighty-five acres of improved land, and carries on general farming and stock-raising, having now about fifteen head of white-faced cattle. He also raises about fifty head of hogs each year. He likewise has a number of good horses upon his

place, and he is unremitting in diligence, while his unabating energy and strong purpose are making him one of the successful agriculturists of his community.

Nov. 19, 1885, Mr. Schwartz was married to Miss Minnie Wahage, who was born in Franklin township, and is a daughter of Henry and Christiana (Meyer) Wahage. They traveled life's journey together for about ten years, and were then separated by death, Mrs. Schwartz passing away Jan. 3, 1895, her remains being interred in the Lutheran church cemetery in Franklin township.

Mr. Schwartz was educated in the German Lutheran school, and is a member of Salem Lutheran church, of which he served as trustee for two years. He votes with the Democratic party, of which he has been an adherent since attaining his majority.

ANDY JOHNSON.

SWEDEN has furnished some very prominent, industrious citizens of Yellow Springs township. As a rule they are of a very hard-working class of people who have mastered a good trade in the Fatherland, and have come to America with the hope of better facilities before them, and in the main have not been disappointed. Andy Johnson is a son of John and Ellen (Esburn) Johnson, and was born in Sweden, Aug. 6, 1836. He attended the common schools in his native home till he was old enough to be apprenticed to a tailor, with whom he worked for several years, acquiring in the meantime a thorough knowledge of tailoring.

He followed the tailor's trade with



ANDY JOHNSON AND FAMILY.

much success in Sweden till June 26, 1869, when he came to the city of Burlington, where he remained for one year. He then took up his residence in Mediapolis, and the following year bought ninety-three acres of land in Section 33 of Mr. John Herman. Mr. Johnson paid sixty-five dollars an acre for his farm, and has from time to time added the necessary buildings for a home and the protection of his grain and stock. His land is well drained with tile, and being furnished with all kinds of modern farm machinery, Mr. Johnson obtains good results for his labor. Besides farming all of his own place he rents one hundred and sixty acres from Mr. Archer, thus making over two hundred and fifty acres to care for. He uses fifteen head of horses in working this large farm.

April 1, 1870, Mr. Johnson became the husband of Miss Sophia Swanson, who was born in Sweden, April 21, 1846, and is a daughter of Swain and Anna Lena (Magneson) Swanson. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have been born the following nine children: Charles Emil, lived in Oklahoma City, Ind., T., for seven years, working as a carpenter, then went to Okmulgee, Ind. T., and leased a farm for five years, and died Sept. 1, 1905, aged thirty-five years, three months, and three days; Emma Cecilla, married John Hartman, and resides in Washington township; Edward John, lives at home; Anna Marie, now Mrs. Harry George Armstrong, lives in Griswold, Iowa; Theodore Andy, at home; Ellen Matilda, the wife of August Emanuel, of Yellow Springs township; Anna Amelia with her parents; Francis Victor and Rosa Helena, both at home.

Politically, Mr. Johnson has given his allegiance to the Republican party, voting first for U. S. Grant, and has been a school director and the honored president of the board for the past five years. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are devoted members of the Swedish Lutheran church, and are loyal to any effort that will promote the spread of Christianity. He has taken much interest in the improvement of the township and county, and has ever rejoiced in the prosperity of his friends. Mr. Johnson has the respect and admiration of all who know him.

JOHN WARD SWAN.

PEACE of mind and a contented spirit belong to the farm. Close to the heart of nature may be found true wisdom, and in the tillage of the fields may be nurtured the noblest philosophy of life. Under the shadow of the great trees, and with the blue skies above and the waving grain before the eye, there is little room for envy and bitterness. Country life is good for the development of the mind, and helps men to cultivate and strengthen the things that make for broad humanity and nobility of soul. More and more does it become evident that the men who keep close to the soil are wise. They escape the heart worry and the nerve exhaustion, the strenuous and utter abandon to business cares and interests, that characterize so strongly the present life; and while no less earnestly laboring in their appointed field of work, do so in that steadiness and patience that make men strong and mighty in their day.

John Ward Swan, whose name introduces this article, was a man whose career well illustrated the wisdom that lies in leading the simple and natural life, and was widely regarded as a good citizen and a man of unimpeachable character. Mr. Swan was born Feb. 14, 1833, in Marshall county, W. Va., a son of Henry V. and Esther R. (Ward) Swan. In 1838 the Swan family came to Iowa by the Ohio and Mississippi river route, and located in Baltimore township, Henry county, where the father and mother continued to reside during the remainder of their lives, and where they died. Our subject received his formal training in the public schools and in Iowa Wesleyan College at Mount Pleasant, thus securing an excellent education and the best of preparation for his subsequent life. In 1850 he with his father crossed the great plains to the Pacific Coast, and although his father returned at the expiration of a year, he remained for a year longer. At this time he was only seventeen years of age, but such was his practical ability that he made the venture profitable in a pecuniary way, while the vivid impressions of the wild western life he then received made a lasting record upon his youthful mind, and largely broadened his ideas of men and things. Traveling by way of the Isthmus of Panama and the city of New York, he returned to the home of his parents, where he remained until March 1, 1855, on which date he was united in marriage to Miss Caroline S. Bonar, who was born Dec. 25, 1831, in Marshall county, West Virginia, a daughter of James Craton and Sarah (Reeves) Bonar.

As the Bonar family played an important part in the history of this region, brief mention may be made of them as follows:

James Bonar was born in Maryland, going to what is now West Virginia when eighteen years of age, while his wife was a native of New Jersey, and when a small girl removed with her parents to Ohio, but at the time of her marriage was living with an uncle in Marshall county, West Virginia. Husband and wife, with their children, came to Iowa by the river route in 1838, arriving at Burlington on April 1, and located in Danville township, Des Moines county, where they entered a large farm in a single tract of 320 acres, improved the land, and built up a splendid home, in which they surrounded themselves in the course of years with many comforts, as well as many friends. It was there that the remaining portion of their lives was passed, and thence they passed to the higher life. One daughter, Malissa, was married before they left West Virginia, and remained in that State, but they were accompanied to the West by all the other members of their large family, they being the parents of eleven children, as follows: Malissa, married Benjamin Gregg, and both are now deceased; Wesley R., a notice of whom will be found elsewhere in this volume of history; Emily, at present residing in Burlington, married John M. Gregg, now deceased; Clementine, married William Crawford Hanna, and both are deceased; Miranda, married John Fraley Rose, and they also are both deceased; Mary Jane, married Charles B. Tonkinson, and they reside in Danville township near the old Bonar homestead; Sarah Ann, who resides at Farrington, Iowa, married Miles Hanna, now deceased; George H. is deceased; Caroline Seville is the widow of our subject; Phoebe Zane, widow of Joseph T. Newell, resides in Topeka, Kans.; and the

youngest, Harvey O., is deceased. Mr. Bonar was a staunch Democrat, but never aspired to public office, choosing rather to devote his talents to his private affairs and business, and in this he was very successful, and became comparatively wealthy. Mrs. Bonar was a life-long member of the Methodist church; and while Mr. Bonar was not a member of any religious denomination, he was a highly charitable and humane man, and was always governed by a strict sense of honor in his transactions, making it a rule of his business never to owe any man a cent. He was born April 1, 1788, and died in September, 1879, while the death of his wife occurred July 12, 1889, her age being ninety-eight years, eleven months, and three days. Both were laid to rest in Long Creek cemetery, the mother being buried on the anniversary of her wedding, which took place the 14th day of July, 1812. Her religious faith was an intimate and integral part of her daily life, for she was converted to the Christian faith through the ministrations of the Methodist Episcopal church at the early age of sixteen years, and ever continued faithful to its tenets and teachings. She died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Swan, and the regret felt by the community for her loss was most sincere. She came of a family noted for strong character and for the longevity which results from sane and wholesome living. Her parents were Joseph and Lydia Reeves, who located in Ohio about the year 1797, settling in Guernsey county, and they underwent all the most difficult trials of pioneer life, being twice compelled to escape the raids of Indians by flight. Joseph Reeves died at the age of ninety-one years, and Lydia, his wife, at one hundred and three.

Mr. Swan received from his father a farm in Henry county, near Salem, to which he took his bride upon their marriage, and there they made their home for a period of eight years, but sold the farm in 1863, and removed to Des Moines county, locating upon the present site of the village of West Burlington. They subsequently resided at various places until the year 1885, when they removed to the farm of one hundred acres which Mrs. Swan now occupies, located in the western edge of Burlington, the home standing at the end of Division Street. Here Mr. Swan installed many modern improvements and conveniences, and erected a large and well-arranged brick residence. To Mr. and Mrs. Swan were born nine children, two of whom died young, while seven survive, as follows: Phœbe Zane, now residing in Burlington, married Ora J. Gould, and has three children, Allen Swan, Helen Revelle, and Howard Kennedy; Clarissa Belle, also residing in Burlington, married Thomas F. Rogers, and to them have been born five children, Grace Miriam, Winifred Caroline, Arthur John, Birdie Zane (who died in infancy), Mabel Florence, and Ruth Alice; James Henry, who is a resident of Kansas, married Miss Gertrude Wheeler, and has four children, Irma, John Theodore, Jennie, and an infant; Bertha Frances, now residing in Illinois, married Durward Frederick Vogt and has had one child, Frances Caroline, who died at the age of one year and a half; Esther Reddick resides at the parental home; Caroline Estelle, now of Danville township, Des Moines county, married George Mitchell Moore, and has one child, Esther Caroline; and Mary Virginia resides with her mother.

Mr. Swan devoted his life to farming, making a specialty of dairy farming, and was very successful; so much so, in fact, that he early acquired a competence, and after coming to this city was able to lead a retired life, taking very little part in active business during his later years, beyond the supervision of his landed interests, but passed his days in ease and the enjoyment of intellectual pleasures, for he was a lover of reading and possessed of a vast general information on topics of current interest. He also gave much thought and time to the advancement of the cause of education, which was very near to his heart at all times, and he often served the communities in which he resided as director of the schools, a capacity for which he was eminently fitted. He was a Republican in politics, but never cared for the honor of public office. He was a believer in the usefulness of fraternal societies, and was a member of the Masonic order, being identified with Danville Lodge, No. 48, and largely regulating his life by the high and pure morality of its teachings. He was a man of genuine business ability, but his life was guided by the compass of unswerving justice and strict rectitude. As a husband, he embodied a noble ideal; as a father, he was loving and indulgent always; as a friend, loyal and true. He was charitable, self-sacrificing, and considerate of the rights and feelings of others, one to whom it was well and fitting to apply the grand old name of gentleman. To him was given the affection of many and the respect and esteem of all. He died July 11, 1904, and was buried in Aspen Grove cemetery in this city.

Mrs. Swan is a lady of unusual ability, social graces, and conversational gifts, and

has many friends in Burlington who cherish her for her admirable qualities. She and her daughters are members of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Burlington.

NATHAN A. MCCOLLOCH.

NATHAN A. MCCOLLOCH resides on a farm in Section 30, Jackson township, where he owns one hundred and twenty acres of land, and he also has eighty acres in Sections 24 and 25, Benton township, nearly all of which is improved. He was born near Hamilton, Ill., March 26, 1861, and acquired his education in Des Moines county, Iowa, to which place he removed with his parents when about eleven years of age. He is a son of Nathan and Anna (Murphy) McColloch. Both were natives of Belmont county, Ohio, and were there reared and married. In early life they removed to Illinois, settling near Hamilton, where the father engaged in farming for a number of years, but later he returned to Ohio, and again resided in Belmont county for four years. On the expiration of that period he once more located in Illinois, where he continued until 1872, when he came to Iowa, settling a short distance northeast of Latty Station, in Benton township. There he purchased forty acres of land, and also rented a farm constituting a part of the Overton land in Jackson township, cultivating this for several years. He afterward took up his abode in the city of Burlington, where he spent his last days, passing away in the spring of 1881, at the age of fifty-five years.

His political support was given to the Democracy, but he never sought or desired office, preferring to give his undivided

attention to his business interests. His wife, long surviving him, died in 1896 at the age of sixty-two years. They were the parents of fourteen children, of whom ten are now living.

Nathan A. McColloch, the sixth in order of birth, remained with his parents until the death of his father, and acquired his education in the public schools. He entered upon his business career as a farm hand, working by the month for some years. He was also employed for a time in the city of Burlington, and it was his industry and frugality that brought to him a capital sufficient to enable him to purchase a farm. In the year 1898 he bought eighty acres of land just south of his present farm, and carried on agricultural pursuits there for six years, after which he traded the place for his present property, constituting one hundred and twenty acres of land, that has become rich and arable because of the care and cultivation bestowed upon it. Everything about the place is kept in excellent condition, and he uses the latest improved machinery in the care of his land and crops. Four years ago he added to his possessions by the purchase of eighty acres in Benton township, and he is now successfully engaged in general farming and stock-raising.

Mr. McColloch was married, March 15, 1883, to Miss Ida May Eads, a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Mower) Eads. Her father was an early settler of Benton township, where he engaged in farming and stock-raising, owning at the time of his death one hundred and sixty-one acres of good land. He was a Democrat in politics. He died in 1898 at the age of sixty-five years, and is still survived by his wife, who now resides in Burlington. Mrs. McColloch was born in Burlington township, and

obtained her education in the public schools there. By her marriage she has become the mother of four children: Albert, Clarence, Pansy M., and Ray, and the family circle yet remains unbroken by the hand of death. All were born in Benton township with the exception of Pansy, whose birth occurred in Nebraska, during a two-years' residence there of her parents.

Mr. McColloch gives his political allegiance to the Democratic party, and has served as trustee of Jackson township. He manifests an active and helpful interest in public affairs, and at the same time gives close attention to his business, which is now making him one of the prosperous citizens of Des Moines county. His life has been characterized by unremitting diligence, and from a humble position he has worked his way upward to one of independence.

FREDERICK SCHRADER.

FREDERICK SCHRADER is a native of Des Moines county, and was born near Flint River, Jan. 1, 1878. He acquired his education in the common schools of his township while living upon his father's farm, his parents being Henry and Elizabeth (Larkins) Schrader. The father was born in Germany, and in early life came to the United States. Taking up his abode in this county, he turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits in Flint River township, where he purchased forty acres of land, upon which he lived for a number of years. He then removed to Pleasant Grove township, where he again became owner of a tract of forty acres, upon which he yet makes his home, his attention being given to gen-

eral farming, and to some extent to stock-raising.

His political views are in accord with Democratic principles, but he has preferred to live the quiet life of the farm rather than to seek preferment in office. His wife, who was born in Burlington, died about sixteen years ago. They were the parents of five children, all of whom are yet living.

Frederick Schrader spent the days of his boyhood and youth with his parents, and when twenty years of age started out in life on his own account. He secured employment by the month as a farm hand and was thus engaged in Pleasant Grove township for seven years. In the meantime his economy and industry had brought him some capital, and he wisely invested this in property in 1903, purchasing his present farm of ninety-seven acres of good land in Franklin township. This is a well-improved tract, having upon it a comfortable residence and other buildings.

On Jan. 7, 1902, Mr. Schrader was married to Miss Winifred Sleeter, who was born in Franklin township, and is a daughter of Charles C. Sleeter, now deceased. Her father was born in Burlington, May 25, 1857, and died Feb. 15, 1893, his parents being Henry and Catherine (Erb) Sleeter. He was educated in the district schools, and in early life learned the carpenter's trade. On Feb. 20, 1870, in Burlington, he wedded Margaret O'Farrell, who was born at her present home April 10, 1854, her parents being James and Winifred (Doyle) O'Farrell, natives of Ireland. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Sleeter were born six children: Winifred, the wife of the subject of this sketch, born Dec. 28, 1879; Mark, born March 28, 1881,

is a carpenter and natural mechanic; Nellie, born Aug. 14, 1882, occupies a position in Burlington; Cecelia, born Aug. 12, 1885, is working with her sister in Burlington; Luke, born Sept. 12, 1890; and Bartholomew, born July 19, 1892.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Schrader has been blessed with two children, Charles and Theodore, both born on the present farm. Mr. Schrader exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Democracy, and with his wife is a member of the Catholic church of Dodgeville.

THEOBALD LAUER.

THEOBALD LAUER, deceased, who for many years was an industrious and highly respected citizen of Des Moines county, was born in Crimea, Russia, July 3, 1834. His parents, Anton and Johanna (Basler) Lauer, came to this country in 1849, and first settled in Cleveland, Ohio, where they remained for about one year.

In 1850, the year the cholera was raging so in many of the Western States, they came to Burlington, and purchased a farm of one hundred and fifteen acres south of the city, in what is known as the Hunt Settlement. Soon after this Mrs. Lauer died, and Mr. Lauer sold his farm and bought another, this one consisting of three hundred and twenty acres, in Davis county, where he was very successful for several years. He finally located in Augusta township, and died on his farm there May 23, 1896.

Mr. Theobald Lauer, of this sketch, received his education in the schools of

Russia, and coming to America with his parents, he remained with them on the home farm till he was twenty-four years of age. In 1856 he went overland with ox-teams to Oregon and Washington, and was engaged for several years in mining and farming, with varying success, in Montana and Idaho.

In 1860 he returned to Iowa, and married Catherine Lich, March 10, 1862. Mrs. Lauer was born in Augusta township, Des Moines county, Iowa, July 25, 1839, where she received her education. Her parents were Conrad and Elizabeth (Albacet) Lich, prosperous farmers of Des Moines county.

Immediately after Mr. and Mrs. Lauer were married they moved to Burlington, where for the next two years Mr. Lauer was engaged in business for himself. He then purchased a farm in Davis county, where he resided till 1871, when he sold his farm and came to Des Moines county, where he rented a part of the Lich farm for some two years. About this time he bought ninety-five acres of land in Augusta township, Des Moines county; but this he sold in 1892, and purchased the farm of one hundred and forty-six acres, upon which his family now reside.

He at once went to work to improve and beautify this place, building one of the nicest homes in the neighborhood, as well as good and substantial barns, and setting out the place in fruit trees. But Mr. Lauer did not enjoy this beautiful home very long, as he was taken ill and died March 10, 1895, leaving six children in the care of his widow.

The children are: Lizzie Amelia, deceased; Mary Elizabeth married Chris Huebner March 22, 1905; Bertha Kath-

erine became Mrs. John Larsen Nov. 15, 1893; Julia Lucinda married Anton Miller June 18, 1901, and resides in Union township; William Frederick is at home; John Conrad resides in Washington; Johanna Clara married George Machamer. They have two children, Mildred and Leona, and live with Mrs. Lauer on the home place.

Mr. Lauer was a Democrat, but never very active in politics. He and his worthy wife would occasionally attend the German Evangelical church, in Burlington. Since the death of Mr. Lauer his wife has looked after the farm herself, and the neat appearance of the whole place denotes her ability.

Mr. Lauer was a man possessing many noble traits of heart and character. His business life was one long span of honesty and uprightness, which brought him great success, and friends who still cherish his memory with the kindest of feelings.

WILLIAM AUGUSTUS YAGER.

WILLIAM AUGUSTUS YAGER, a successful and leading stock-raiser of Yellow Springs township, living on Section 6, is a native son of Burlington, his birth having occurred in that city, Aug. 15, 1845. His parents were Henry and Tillie (Corn) Yager. No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for William A. Yager in his boyhood and youth. Through the winter months he attended the district schools, mastering the branches therein taught, and thus became well equipped for life's practical and responsible duties. In the summer

months he worked in the fields, and gained a practical experience that qualified him for carrying on farm work when he had attained his majority.

In 1892 he and his brother John purchased two hundred and eighty-five acres of rich land from John Braden and his wife. Of this about two hundred and thirty acres are situated in Section 1, the remainder on Section 6, Yellow Springs township. They also own forty acres of timber land. They are now successfully engaged in general farming, and are also well known as stock-raisers, having about seventy head of cattle, making a specialty of the Shorthorn, Red Polled, Polled Angus, and Hereford breeds. They always feed about one hundred head of hogs each year, and their sale of stock annually returns to them a gratifying income. They are practical in all of their business methods, and have made earnest, persistent labor the basis of all their success.

CHARLES G. BOSCH.

CHARLES G. BOSCH, one of the prominent and leading plumbers of Burlington, is a son of Leonard and Katherine (Boeck) Bosch, and was born in Burlington, Iowa, May 24, 1854. His parents were natives of Germany, and came to Burlington in 1851 or 1852, and opened a grocery store on West Washington Street. They had seven children, of whom but two remain, Charles, of this review, and his sister, Mrs. Joseph Spies, whose husband is a railroad man. The father died some thirty years ago, and his widow later married John Dabb, who was a baker, and had a shop on Washing-

ton Street, where their grocery formerly was. Mrs. Herman Wolfert, of West Burlington, is a step-sister of his. Mrs. Dabb passed away a short time ago, and she and her husbands are buried in Aspen Grove cemetery. Mr. Bosch was educated in the German subscription schools and public schools of Burlington, and at the age of eighteen went to work in the drug store of C. P. Squires. In 1871 he secured employment with the firm of Stewart & Hayden as a plumber. One of his first duties was to move the shop, which he accomplished in half a day, using a wheelbarrow. After this he worked for a while in Chicago and Denver. In 1880 he built the gas plant in Creston, Iowa, and ran it for two years. Nov. 1, 1883, he opened his present store on Main Street, where he has been for twenty years. He first began in a very quiet and modest way, but in a short time his ability as a mechanic became known, and from that time to the present his business has by close application and fair dealing increased wonderfully.

Oct. 10, 1882, Mr. Bosch married Miss Blanche Louisa Whitehead, daughter of Josiah Whitehead, of Creston, Iowa. They reside at 717 North Third Street. Mr. Bosch also owns several lots in the city and the place at 1900 Orchard Street. He has been a Democrat all of his life, but has voted somewhat independently for the last few years. He is actively connected with the Modern Woodmen of the World; was secretary of the Business Men's Club for a while, and is still a member of the same, and also a member of the Commerical Club. He is a member and was a director in the Cottage Lake Club, of which he is a great worker. Mr. Bosch was raised in the German Lutheran church, and has given much

to charities and churches in a quiet way. He is enterprising and public-spirited, wishing at all times to see the city of his birth grow and prosper. As a merchant, citizen, and private individual he has made a record which is worthy of commendation and approval.

COL. FABIAN BRYDOLF.

COL. FABIAN BRYDOLF, deceased, left a record of which his family and friends may well be proud. The circumstances of his life rarely fall to the common lot of man. Endowed with more than ordinary ability as an artist, he was enabled to maintain his family for some thirty years with the use of but one hand. His work consisted mostly of landscape painting, which was always of the highest order. He was also permitted to defend his adopted country in two great wars.

Mr. Brydolf was a native of Sweden, having been born in Ostergothland, Nov. 28, 1819, and was a son of Rev. Anders G. and Petronella Brydolf. His father was a minister of great prominence in the Lutheran church. Early in life Mr. Brydolf developed great talent for art, and was instructed in landscape painting by the best teachers of his country, where his school work was a great credit to his teachers, parents, and to the lad himself. After finishing his studies in landscape painting, he pursued it as a profession until 1841, when he emigrated to America, locating first at Cleveland, Ohio; but finding no demand there in those early days for what the people considered a luxury, for such they looked upon landscape painting, he engaged in the more practical work of house and sign painting.

Remaining but a short time in Cleveland, he traveled westward, working at his trade as a journeyman in various cities till 1846, when he reached Burlington, Iowa. He came to this State as an interpreter for a party of his countrymen who, having just arrived in this country, were entirely ignorant of the English language. Mr. Brydolf assisted the party to secure land in the vicinity of Des Moines, and was about to return east when, arriving at Burlington, he found navigation closed and no conveyance available except stages, so he decided to remain here and work at house and sign painting.

In 1847, our subject was seized with a desire to become a soldier, and enlisted for the Mexican War in the Fifteenth Regiment, Regulars, U. S. Army, under Captain Guthrie, and was in active service in Mexico, participating in the battles of Contreras, Churubusco, Molina del Rey, Chapultepec, and many minor engagements, through which he passed without an injury, and returned to Burlington in 1848.

Sept. 2, 1850, Colonel Brydolf was united in marriage to Miss Fannie West, daughter of a Methodist minister of Monmouth, Ill. Mrs. Brydolf was born Feb. 14, 1830.

Unto Colonel and Mrs. Brydolf were born seven children, of whom only three remain: Adriana, who married Oscar M. Parsons, died leaving one daughter, Edith; George F., died in infancy; one infant died unnamed; Nannie, died in Burlington, Iowa, leaving hundreds of true friends to mourn her death. Her life was most beautiful, exemplifying each day the strong Christian character she professed, and though it has been several years since this noble girl passed to her reward, her memory is still bright and green in the hearts of her family and companions. Oscar; Robert; and

Nellie, the youngest daughter, a prominent teacher in the Prospect Hill school, of Burlington, Iowa, lives at the old home, 903 Summer Street, and her niece, Edith Parsons, lives with her.

At the breaking out of the Civil War, Colonel Brydolf raised a company for the Sixth Iowa Infantry,—Company I, of which he was commissioned captain July 17 following. His regiment participated in the battles of Shiloh, and there he lost his right arm, it being taken off near the shoulder, April 6, 1862, while leading his company in action. Mr. Brydolf was cared for in the hospital. In 1862 he was promoted lieutenant-colonel of the Twenty-fifth Iowa Infantry, joining that regiment in the September following. He was in active service with them till the capture of Vicksburg, when he resigned, and on Nov. 1, 1863, was commissioned by President Lincoln as lieutenant-colonel of the Second Regiment of the Veteran Reserve Corps, serving in that capacity until July 1, 1866, when he was honorably discharged.

After his return from the war the colonel was engaged with Mr. Holcomb for a while in the grain business, and later was foreman for Nairn & Gillis in the blind and sash department. At one time he contracted to build a certain number of miles of road for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. This he did to the full satisfaction of the company. The latter part of his life was spent in landscape painting, winning high praise from the best art critics for the elegant pictures he produced.

After sharing the joys and sorrows of Colonel Brydolf's life for nearly thirty-five years, Mrs. Brydolf passed away Nov. 19, 1884, aged fifty-four years. She was a very modest, retiring lady, one whom it was a

pleasure to meet, and whose kind and lovable ways endeared her to all.

Colonel Brydolf died Jan. 25, 1897, aged seventy-eight years. He was a brave and gallant officer, always ready to lead where he expected his men to go. His empty sleeve, as well as his honorable record as a soldier, bore full testimony of his bravery and fidelity to duty. His success as an artist in the latter years of his life was really remarkable when we consider his age, and how late in life the left hand was educated in this art. His eye was keen, his taste perfect, and his skill with the brush was wonderful.

Mrs. Brydolf was a devoted member of the Congregational church of Burlington, and though her husband was not a member, yet he attended quite regularly. Politically, Mr. Brydolf was a stanch Republican, and though he did not aspire to office, still he was ever ready to assist his party to the best of his ability.

JACOB RAPP.

JACOB RAPP, who, now living retired, was for many years connected with the industrial interests of Burlington as proprietor of a locksmith business, was born Sept. 1, 1821, in Wittenberg, Germany, a son of Michael Rapp. In his youth he learned the locksmith's trade, which he followed until he came to America, in March, 1855, crossing the Atlantic in an old sailing vessel which weighed anchor at Havre, France, and ultimately reached New York harbor. Mr. Rapp spent one year in the shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad, at Allegheny City, Pa., finishing the metal work for the lo-

comotives. The following year he came to Burlington, where he entered the service of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, working for Charles Henry for two years. He then started in the locksmith's business on his own account, and continued in that line until 1899, when he put aside further business cares, and is now living a retired life. Such is a brief outline of his business career, but it tells nothing of his years of close application, unfaltering diligence, unabating energy and perseverance, and yet all those qualities have been salient features in his business career. He worked hard to build up a good trade, giving excellent service and charging moderate prices, and as the years passed by, his labors were rewarded by a large patronage, which in time brought to him a capital sufficient to enable him to lay aside further business cares in the line of his trade. In 1888 he purchased a lot and built his present home of eight rooms at 419 Maple Street, and here he is enjoying a well-earned rest.

Mr. Rapp was married in April, 1855, the lady of his choice being Miss Mary King, a daughter of Adam and Barbara King, of St. Louis. Mrs. Rapp was born in Bavaria, Germany, Nov. 16, 1831, and came to America in 1854, locating first in Pittsburg, Pa., and a year later going by boat to St. Louis, Mo., where she was married. She came to this country with a sister and a brother-in-law. She attends and supports different churches, but is not a member. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Rapp were born three children, but Pauline died at the age of eighteen months, and William died in St. Louis, in January, 1895, leaving a wife and two children. The surviving son, Edward, is living with his parents in Burling-

ton. Mr. Rapp was formerly a staunch Republican in politics, but now votes independently. He has now passed the eighty-third milestone on life's journey, and in a review of his history there are found many elements and incidents worthy of commendation. The courageous spirit that led him to seek a home in America, the determination that enabled him to face competition and difficulties in his business career, the integrity and straightforward dealing that gained him public confidence,—all combined to make him a prosperous and respected citizen of Burlington, where he now has many friends, who esteem and honor him for his sterling worth.

WILLIAM COLWELL SMITH.

WILLIAM COLWELL SMITH, living on Section 5, Yellow Springs township, where he is engaged in general agriculture, was born in the city of Philadelphia, Pa., June 21, 1846, his parents being Samuel and Jane (Smith) Smith. Both parents were natives of Ireland, in which country they were reared and married. In 1845 they crossed the Atlantic to the New World, and established their home in Philadelphia, where for a time the father occupied the position of watchman in the John T. Lewis Chemical and Lead Works. Later he was promoted to a position in the chemical department. In the year 1862 he brought his family to the Middle West, settling in Benton township, Des Moines county, Iowa, where he purchased one hundred and twenty three acres of land from E. D. Rand in Sections 7 and 8. Here he built a barn and improved the house, adding a kitchen

and renovating the interior. He lived a quiet, unassuming life, but worked earnestly and persistently, and the traits of honorable manhood were daily manifest in his career. He continued to engage in farming upon this place until his death, which occurred June 28, 1870, when he was sixty-three years of age. His wife survived him until Nov. 23, 1871, and died at the age of fifty-two years. They were the parents of two children, of whom the daughter, Mary, died in Philadelphia at the age of three years.

William C. Smith, the only surviving member of the family, is indebted to the public schools of his native city for the educational privileges he enjoyed in his youth. He was about seventeen years of age when with his parents he came to Des Moines county in 1862, and he remained with them on the old home farm until they were called to their final rest. He inherited the property, which he sold in 1900; and in the same year he bought property near Kosuth, becoming owner of thirty-one acres, which he purchased for his wife. He makes his home on Section 5, Yellow Springs township, where he has a well-improved farm comprising ninety and a half acres. It is supplied with all modern conveniences and accessories, and in addition to this he has village property in Morning Sun, Louisa county, where he also has about twenty-one acres. Everything about his place is kept in excellent repair, and his labors are attended with a gratifying measure of success.

May 5, 1875, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Mary G. McMillan, a daughter of William and Margaret (Jackson) McMillan. She was born in Maysville, Ky., May 16, 1856, and in 1858 her parents came to Des Moines county, locating in Franklin township, where her father rent-

ed land for several years. He then removed with his family to Yellow Springs township, where he purchased a farm, continuing its cultivation up to the time of his death. He passed away in September, 1887, at the age of seventy-five years, while his wife, who long survived him, died Jan. 13, 1903, at the age of eighty years.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have become the parents of four children: Jennie N., born May 15, 1878, now a teacher five miles west of Morning Sun; Lila N., born April 17, 1880, now a teacher in the Washington township district schools; Mabel B., born Aug. 17, 1883, is a teacher in the Rock-bottom school in Yellow Springs township; and Lena J., born April 14, 1888, is at home.

The parents hold membership in the Reformed Presbyterian church, and are well known in the community, the hospitality of many of the best homes being extended to them. Mr. Smith has prospered in his business undertakings, having so directed his efforts as to accomplish results, and in his career he has found that prosperity and an honorable name may be won simultaneously.

GUSTAV ADOLPH HUEHOLT.

A SUCCESSFUL farmer of Pleasant Grove township, and one who has been actively identified with the development of the community, is to be named in the person of Gustav Adolph Hueholt. He is the son of John and Sophia (Tapken) Hueholt, and was born in Oldenburg, Germany, Dec. 11, 1866. His parents were both born in Grossherzogtum, Oldenburg, Germany, where they still live, having never come to Amer-

ica. Mr. Hueholt is a shoemaker by trade and also engages in farming. He was in the German army, but never in active service. He and his wife are both members of the Lutheran church. They have had nine children, of whom seven are living, three coming to America. Jerry is a farmer in Missouri; Henry, a farmer, lived in Pleasant Grove township for some time and now makes his home in Oklahoma. After complying with the laws and regulations in regard to education in his native place, our subject remained for a few years with his father, and in 1884, when about eighteen years of age, came to America by way of New York. He located at once in Burlington, where he remained for about two months, then going to Pleasant Grove township, where he worked on different farms for about three years. After his marriage he rented a farm in Flint River township for five years. By this time he had by his untiring efforts and great energy saved enough money so that he could buy a nice place in Pleasant Grove township, upon which he has since resided as a general farmer and stock-raiser.

In 1889 Mr. Hueholt married Mrs. Sophia Holman, widow of Henry Holman, who died in Flint River township, leaving the following five children: Charles, a locksmith, and who lives in Davenport, Iowa; Amelia, wife of Diedrich Snupper, of Pleasant Grove township; Sophia, married Fred Snupper, of Danville township; Louisa, the wife of Alfred Shroeder, who also lives in Danville township; Lena, now Mrs. John Schroeder, of Pleasant Grove township. Mrs. Hueholt is a daughter of Diedrich Witmerhaus, a prosperous farmer and raiser of a high grade of stock, who resided in Pleasant Grove township till about

two years ago, when he died. He passed away on his farm of six hundred acres after an illness of three months, at the ripe old age of eighty-two years. His wife had preceded him to the better land about one year. They were the parents of two daughters: Mary, deceased, and Mrs. Hueholt. Mr. and Mrs. Witmerhaus were both members of the Lutheran church, and are both buried in the Union church graveyard of Flint River township. They were both of much value in the community, and their loss was felt by all. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hueholt four children have been born: Ida, died aged two years; an infant unnamed; Lyda and Raymond, now living.

Mr. Hueholt attends the Lutheran church. In politics he is a strong Democrat, but does not solicit party distinction, believing he can serve his party better as a private citizen. During the twenty years he has resided in America he has seen many changes for the better take place in Des Moines county. Each year new improvements have been made, and each year finds the average successful farmer better equipped with all modern implements, which tends to greatly lessen his duties. Mr. Hueholt is a man of much ability, of a strong and earnest personality, qualities which have won for him the esteem and confidence of all with whom he has come in contact. He is still a young man, and though he has won a success, there is still a career of exceptional promise before him.

JOSEPH A. McINTIRE.

JOSEPH A. McINTIRE, one of the early settlers of Des Moines county, living on a farm of two hundred and twenty acres

in Flint River township, was born in Miami county, Ohio, Aug. 21, 1840. He was named in honor of his paternal grandfather, Joseph A. McIntire, who was a native of Pennsylvania, and was the first white settler in Ohio west of Piqua, establishing his home on what was called Swift's Run. He settled there among the Indians, secured a tract of land, and developed a farm, upon which he spent his remaining days. His death occurred when he was about seventy-five years of age.

His son, Thomas McIntire, was a native of Pennsylvania, and was married in Ohio to the lady of his choice, Susanna Adams, also a native of the Keystone State. At an early day they had removed to Ohio, locating in Miami county, where the father engaged in farming until 1856, when he brought his family to Iowa, settling in Jefferson county. He was one of the pioneers of that locality, and there made his home until 1865, when he removed to Des Moines county and purchased the farm on which his son, Joseph A. McIntire, now resides, the place then comprising two hundred and five acres of land, which was then but partially improved. To its further development and cultivation he devoted his energies throughout the remainder of his active business career, and there his last days were past in rest from labor. He died at the age of eighty-seven years, while his wife's death occurred when she was seventy-five years of age. They were people of the highest respectability, holding membership with the Presbyterian church, and exemplifying in their daily lives their Christian faith. Mr. McIntire was a Whig in politics in early life, and on

the dissolution of that party he joined the ranks of the Republican party, upholding its banners in stalwart manner. Unto him and his wife were born five children, of whom four are still living; but Ephriam A., a soldier of the Civil War, died in the hospital at Keokuk, Iowa.

Joseph A. McIntire spent the first sixteen years of his life in the county of his nativity and acquired much of his education there, but also continued his studies in the schools of Jefferson county, subsequently to the removal of the family to Iowa. He has always remained upon the home farm, coming with his parents to Des Moines county, settling with them in Flint River township, and caring for them in their declining days. His life has been devoted to general farming, and he has also followed stock-raising to some extent, raising a high grade of stock. Everything about his place is kept in excellent condition, in keeping with the modern ideas of agricultural progress, and neatness and thrift characterize the entire farm. Mr. McIntire has made additions and improvements to his house until he now has a fine two-story frame residence.

His farm labors have only been interrupted once, and that was when he served his country in the Civil War. In August, 1862, he enlisted as a member of Company E, Thirtieth Iowa Infantry, and was with his regiment for about a year and a half, when he was honorably discharged at Keokuk, on account of illness.

On the 27th of November, 1884, Mr. McIntire was married to Miss Ella Beans, a daughter of Elijah and Eliza J. (Sipe) Beans, the former a native of Ohio and

the latter of Pennsylvania. They removed to Iowa in 1863, settling in Des Moines county, and the father engaged in farming in Danville township. He removed to Middletown in the spring of 1866, and wherever he lived was accounted one of the valued residents of his community. His fellow-citizens, recognizing his worth and ability, called him to public office, and he served for four years as justice of the peace, while for a similar period he acted as postmaster of Middletown, under appointment of President Benjamin Harrison. His last three years were spent in the home of Mr. McIntire, and he died Sept. 24, 1899, while visiting in Ohio. He was then about eighty years of age, his birth having occurred March 19, 1819. His wife, who was born Oct. 26, 1825, died Sept. 5, 1882. They were members of the Baptist church, and in their family were ten children, of whom six are yet living.

Mr. and Mrs. McIntire have become the parents of six children and the family circle yet remains unbroken by the hand of death. These are: John Clifford, born Nov. 25, 1885, now a student at Mount Pleasant, Iowa; Cecil May, born May 4, 1887; Fanny Jane, born Sept. 4, 1888; Bion Joseph, born July 11, 1891; Emmons Renshaw, born Dec. 29, 1895; and Gail Bell, born Aug. 25, 1899. All were born upon the homestead farm. The parents are members of the Presbyterian church. In his political views Mr. McIntire is a Republican, having given unfaltering support to the party since attaining his majority. His life has been quietly passed, his attention devoted to agricultural pursuits, and yet his career is commendable in that it is a type of

good citizenship, of reliability in business, and of duty well performed.

OTTO WUNNENBERG.

OTTO WUNNENBERG, interested in general farming, was born in Benton township, this county, Feb. 28, 1860, his parents being Henry and Amelia (Rayfield) Wunnenberg. The father was a native of Germany, and on coming to America made his way to the interior of the country, settling in Benton township, soon after his marriage. He first purchased forty acres of land, and with resolute will and laudable ambition began the development of his farm, to which he added, as his financial condition made it possible, until he was the owner of two hundred and sixty-five acres of rich and productive land, being recognized as one of the most successful farmers of his community. He was respected by all for what he accomplished, and for the manner of his business dealings. He passed away in April, 1898, at the age of seventy-nine years, his death being regretted by many friends. His wife departed this life in April, 1888, at the age of fifty-eight years.

Otto Wunnenberg acquired his education in the schools of Franklin township, although his home was in Benton township. He was reared to the occupation of farming, which he has always followed, and after his marriage he rented a tract of land in Franklin township. In 1895 he purchased seventy acres of land in Sections 2 and 11, Franklin township, and he also has ten acres of timber land which was a part of the old homestead. He carries on general agricultural pursuits, and also raises hogs, mostly

of the Poland China breed, and has a good herd of cattle on his farm. His place is a well-improved property, the thrifty appearance of which is indicative of the careful supervision of a painstaking and progressive owner.

Mr. Wunnenberg was united in marriage, Sept. 29, 1886, to Miss Anna Sielerman, a daughter of Frederick and Sophia (Dirkmeyer) Sielerman, whose history appears on another page. Mrs. Wunnenberg was born in Benton township, Oct. 5, 1861, and there grew up, attending the same school with her husband, and also the German parochial school. Unto our subject and his wife have been born four children: Clarence, Villars, Mary, and Grace.

While not an aspirant for office, he votes with the Democratic party. While they were reared in the Lutheran church, Mr. Wunnenberg now attends the Presbyterian church.

MAYOR J. A. BRIDGES.

MAYOR J. A. BRIDGES, tracing his ancestry back to New England, finds that Benjamin Bridges, a native of Maine, was a strong Wesleyan Methodist, and it is supposed that earlier generations of the family were Huguenots and fled to America because of religious persecution in the Old World, desiring to have freedom to worship according to the dictates of their own consciences. They later settled in Maine, where they became large land-owners and prominent people.

Benjamin Bridges, after reaching years of maturity, became one of the pioneers of the West, for at that time the entire district beyond the Alleghanies was con-

sidered "The West." He located in Washington county, Ohio, soon after his marriage to Abigail Ellenwood, and the unimproved condition of the country is indicated by the fact that it was necessary for the settlers to build a strong stockade in which to seek refuge from Indian attacks, so numerous were the red men in the neighborhood, and such hostility did they display toward the settlers who were attempting to reclaim the wild region for the purposes of civilization. These people were among the first white settlers of Ohio, and the Ellenwood family was established in Athens county, while the Bridges family maintained their residence in Washington county. Both families were of considerable means, and were held in high esteem and honor.

Benjamin Bridges, following the occupation of farming, entered large tracts of timber land, and labored assiduously and untiringly to clear and develop his farms. He at length reduced the wild region to a state of cultivation, and continued the work of improvement until both his farms were unsurpassed in all that goes to make productive land and valuable farming property. He and his wife remained residents of Washington county throughout their remaining days.

Their son, David Morris Bridges, the sixth in order of birth in a family of seven children, his natal day being Feb. 5, 1813, spent the days of his boyhood and youth upon the old family homestead in Washington county, where he acquired the rudiments of an education in the early subscription schools. His training at farm labor, however, was not meager, for he bore an active and helpful part in the task of cutting down the trees, clearing



JAMES A. BRIDGES.

away the brush, and grubbing up the stumps, in order that the land might be cultivated. The hunter had much opportunity to display his skill in the midst of the green woods, and David M. Bridges gained considerable reputation in that direction; in fact he was so expert with the rifle that at a long distance he could shoot the eyes out of a squirrel.

He maintained his residence in Washington county until 1841, when he emigrated to Iowa, settling on a farm in Yellow Springs township, upon a part of which the village of Mediapolis now stands. Here he was actively associated with agricultural pursuits throughout his remaining days, his death occurring April 15, 1870, when he was fifty-seven years of age. He had been married, in Ohio, to Miss Clarissa Haight, and they had a daughter, Abigail, who was born in Ohio, and became the wife of her cousin, Silas Bridges, but is now deceased. Following the removal of the parents to Iowa, two other children were added to the family: James Arthur, of this review; and John D., who is represented elsewhere in this work.

James A. Bridges was born in Yellow Springs township, Feb. 7, 1844, and acquired his education in the early district and in subscription schools, greatly broadening his knowledge, however, through experience, observation, and reading. He possesses a retentive memory, and keeps in touch with all the current topics of the times, being greatly interested in the progress and prosperity of the nation. His birth occurred upon the farm of his maternal grandfather, at Kossuth, just opposite the assembly grounds, and during his early life he

knew little else than hard work incident to the cultivation of the soil and the care of crops.

There came an important change in his life, however, when he was seventeen years of age, for at that time, Oct. 10, 1861, he enlisted as a member of Company K, Fourteenth Iowa Infantry, being enrolled at Kossuth, while at Davenport he was mustered into the United States service. The company was commanded by Capt. William J. Campbell, and the regiment by Col. William T. Shaw, and was organized at Davenport, where the men were drilled until December, and then sent to Benton Barracks, St. Louis, remaining there until the latter part of January. By transports they proceeded southward to Fort Henry, Tenn., where they engaged in battle, capturing about seven thousand prisoners. After the capture of Fort Henry, the army rested for two weeks and then started in pursuit of the Confederate troops which had fled from that locality. They followed them to Fort Donelson, where a three-days' engagement followed, occurring about two weeks after the fight at Fort Henry. Fort Donelson was captured, and there Mr. Bridges became ill. He had, like others, been forced to lie out in the rain and snow all night, and it was so cold that the hair and clothing of the men froze to the ground. His terrible exposure led to much illness, and Mr. Bridges and others were sent to the army hospital; but as Mr. Bridges was able to walk, he was retained at the temporary hospital, while others who were worse off were taken to the permanent hospital. The main army went from Donelson to Pittsburg Landing. After ten days the

sick ones were taken to Mound City and placed in the general hospital.

In the following March Mr. Bridges was granted a furlough, and it was while he was home on sick leave that the battle of Shiloh occurred on April 6 and 7. The rebels made several attempts to rout his regiment, but failed, and received such a hot reception that the regiment and brigade became known as the "hornet's nest." They were finally surrounded, however, and the brigade captured, and all able men imprisoned; so that when Mr. Bridges was well enough to return to the front, he had no command to join, and was finally discharged because of general disability, in February, 1863.

In May, 1864, however, he re-enlisted for one hundred days' service as a member of Company G, Forty-fifth Iowa Infantry, the command being organized at Keokuk under Col. William Berryman, of Mount Pleasant, and Capt. Thomas Crowder, of Company G. The troops were mustered in at Keokuk, in May, 1864, and sent down the river on transports to Memphis, Tenn., where they went into camp, while later they were transferred to Moscow, on Wolf River, in Tennessee, where they had the protection of a little fort. They were sent to guard both the railroad and wagon bridges, preventing the enemy from destroying them. There the Forty-fifth Iowa remained until autumn, and on the expiration of their term of service the men were returned to Keokuk, and there discharged in October, 1864. In this company Mr. Bridges held the rank of corporal.

When again mustered out he returned home, where he followed farming. Not

long afterward he was married, having on Feb. 14, 1866, in Washington county, Ohio, wedded Miss Elizabeth Vincent, who was born in Washington county, Ohio, in 1835. Her father, John Vincent, was born in that county in 1809, and in 1832 married Elizabeth Dustin, whose birth occurred in Oneida county, New York, whence she removed with her parents to Ohio when nine years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent had two daughters and a son: Mary, the wife of Levi Jones; Elizabeth, now Mrs. Bridges; and J. C. Vincent, who married Rose Bartlett, and resides on the old homestead in Ohio. He learned the gunsmith's trade of his father, and has made a success in that department of labor. The father, John Vincent, died in 1882. He was a son of William Vincent, who was born in Providence, R. I., and while here residing in early manhood he was employed in a paper mill. He married Elizabeth Earl, whose brothers were sea captains, and became distinguished men of their day. She was born in 1769, and died at the age of eighty-seven years. This worthy couple were the grandparents of Elizabeth Vincent, who gave her hand in marriage to J. A. Bridges, as before stated. They became the parents of twin sons, Henry Caleb and Harvey D., who were born Feb. 5, 1867. Henry was drowned in 1885, but Harvey is now living in Fairfield, Iowa.

In the fall of 1868 Mayor Bridges, with his wife and two babes, started on a prairie schooner for Kansas, and about a mile east of Girard he secured a claim and began farming. For five years he remained there; but as he could not secure a clear title he was forced from his place,

and returned to Mediapolis. During the residence of the family in Kansas two daughters were added to the household: Nettie, who was born in February, 1869, and is now the wife of Frank Hart, of Sac county, Iowa, by whom she has two sons, Dwight and Leo; and Clara, who was born in April, 1872, and married Robert Hart, by whom she also has two sons, Orville Dennis and Lyle James. Harvey Bridges is likewise married, having wedded Mabel Warwick, by whom he has a daughter, Margaret.

When Mr. Bridges returned to Mediapolis, it was only with the intention of making a visit to his mother, who was then well advanced in years. His father had died in the spring of 1872. On reaching his old home he found that his mother was aging rapidly, and needed his care and attention, and he decided to remain. He was engaged in general teaming and draying, which pursuit he followed until the succeeding year. He built a house, and sent to Kansas for his goods, which arrived in due course of time, and he has since made his home at Mediapolis. After a time he traded his original house and lot for a livery barn, and later he sold a half interest in this building to William Bradley, who was proprietor of the Mediapolis Hotel.

Mr. Bridges, however, conducted the livery and teaming business alone for about a year, at the end of which time he sold his interest in the livery barn to a new hotel proprietor, and built a new stable, which he conducted from the spring until fall. He then entered into partnership with the firm of McDonald & Van Osdol, who were engaged in grain dealing and stock shipping, the livery firm

name then becoming J. A. Bridges & Co. This relation was maintained for about nine months, at the end of which time Mr. Bridges purchased his partner's interest, and continued alone for about six months. He then sold a half interest to J. H. Purcell, with whom he was associated until the spring of 1877, when he disposed of his interest to his partner. He was then engaged for some time in buying and selling stock and doing other trading, and later he gave his attention to the butchering business, conducting a market for about a year. He then traded his property interests for a hotel called the Mediapolis House, which he conducted for four years, in the meantime taking a contract for carrying the mail from Mediapolis to Kossuth, Northfield, Huron, and Kingston. For six years he remained in the government service, within which time he purchased a residence in Kossuth, and there took up his abode, making his home at that place until 1891. Then he returned to Mediapolis, and soon afterward purchased his present home, which has since been his place of residence.

Following his return to this village Mr. Bridges engaged in hauling milk to the Mediapolis creamery from many different farms in this part of the county. In the spring of 1893 he was appointed postmaster under President Cleveland, and on July 1 entered upon the discharge of his duties for a four-years' term. In the spring of 1897 he joined a number of other prominent and substantial business men in organizing a stock company for the purpose of establishing a Democratic paper, under the title of the Mediapolis News, and was elected one of the direct-

ors of the new company, since which time he has served as secretary of the board, while at the present writing he is also general manager. This paper has a circulation of about nine hundred, and is published weekly, being one of the enterprising institutions of the village. A job printing department is also conducted, and is likewise proving profitable. At the time of the organization of the company Mr. Bridges knew practically nothing about printing, but he entered upon his new duties with strong determination and firm purpose; and possessing a receptive mind and retentive memory, he soon mastered the work of the office, and has since successfully managed the publication and the daily work connected therewith. While the paper has never paid a dividend to its stockholders, the equipment of the plant has been considerably increased and the credit of the company is gilt-edged.

For many years Mr. Bridges has figured prominently in local political circles, wielding a wide influence, and laboring effectively for the welfare of his party. He has also been called to a number of important positions in his community. In 1874 he was elected assessor of the township, and was one of the men who, on July 17, 1875, were instrumental in incorporating Mediapolis into a village, Judge A. H. Stuttsman giving an order from the district court for S. S. King, S. B. Cartwright, Joseph Goudie, J. A. Bridges, and E. D. Sill to act as commissioners to hold the first election to ascertain the will of the people concerning incorporation. At the election held June 15, 1875, there were sixty-nine votes cast, forty-four for incorporation and twenty-

five against it. The first mayor was Charles P. King, while the members of the council were Jacob Harper, Daniel Kelly, J. A. Bridges, L. Talbott, A. H. Goodnow, J. W. McDonough, and Joseph Goudie, who was clerk.

In 1877 Mr. Bridges was elected as assessor, and in 1883 was chosen mayor, at which time he served for one term. In 1898 was again elected, and in 1899 was re-elected, this time for two years, the term of office having been increased.

July 1, 1902, he was appointed to fill a vacancy in the mayoralty, and the following year was elected to fill out the remainder of the unexpired term; while in 1904 he was once more re-elected, and will continue as the incumbent until April 1, 1906. His administration of the highest office within the gift of his fellow-townsmen has been marked by a careful consideration of the public interests, devotion to the general welfare, by business-like methods, and by support of every measure that he deems will prove of practical benefit.

In January, 1904, he was appointed by the board of county supervisors as a member of the county soldiers' relief commission, to fill a vacancy for one year; and in February, 1905, was appointed for a like term of three years by the same board, and is now chairman of the commission, which consists of three members.

At the meeting of the general assembly of Iowa, in 1902, Mr. Bridges received his party vote for first assistant clerk of the lower house. His party being in the minority, naturally they had to give way to the majority.

Mayor Bridges is not unknown in fraternal circles, and in fact is an active

and valued member of several societies. In 1875 he was made a Mason, joining Progress Lodge, No. 226, and he served for more than fifteen years as secretary; but his growing deafness caused him to decline further service. He is now acting for a second term as trustee of the lodge, and in 1904 the organization erected an elegant big business block and hall, costing about fourteen thousand dollars. Mr. Bridges is a member of Sheppard Post, No. 157, Grand Army of the Republic, of Mediapolis, has several times served as its adjutant, was commander in 1894, and again in 1903, and has held other offices therein. While a resident of Kansas he belonged to the Grange, and was there also an office holder.

There is no resident of Mediapolis who takes a more active interest in public affairs than Mr. Bridges, and for many years his history has been closely interwoven with the annals of the village. His labors have contributed in substantial measure to its upbuilding, and he has wielded a wide influence in behalf of general progress and improvement. He has also held other minor offices, including constable, assessor, city marshal, etc.

Viewed in a personal light, he is a strong man, strong in his honor and good name, and over his official record there falls no shadow of wrong, for his public duties have ever been discharged with conscientious fidelity to the trust reposed in him.

FRANK G. BURKHOLDER.

FRANK G. BURKHOLDER, whose name is familiar to the old residents of Des Moines county, is a native of the county, and was

reared in the community in which he was born. He has seen the county transformed from a sunny and flowery prairie to the settled home of a great population, a result which his industrial habits and manly vigor have helped advance. A period of fifty years has seen marvelous changes in the West. In 1852 Iowa was but a fringe of settlement, with promise as to the future; in 1905 it is an imperial State, with a splendid development not elsewhere accomplished in hundreds of years. Then Des Moines county was mostly uncultivated prairie, with little towns and hamlets that hardly hinted future prosperity; now it is a rich and fertile part of a magnificent commonwealth. And all this came easily within the life of the man whose name appears at the head of this article. He has seen it, has been a part of it, has done much to bring it about.

Frank G. Burkholder, residing on his farm of one hundred and forty acres in Section 34, Benton township, was born Jan. 11, 1852, in Burlington township, where he remained till he was two years old. He was the son of John and Catherine W. (Inghram) Burkholder.

The father was a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and was born Feb. 18, 1813. His parents, Christopher and Mary (Gordon) Burkholder, were also natives of Pennsylvania. They became the parents of five children, of whom John was the eldest. The father was a millwright by trade, but in connection with that occupation also engaged in farming. As the family was in limited circumstances, John began to work when but fourteen years of age, first in a cotton factory, where he remained for five years, when he went to York, Pa., where he served an apprenticeship at the stone-mason's trade, which occupation he

followed throughout life in connection with farming. In 1836 he located in Natchez, Miss., where he worked at his trade until February of the following year; then, purchasing two flatboats, and loading them with sand, he floated them down the river to New Orleans, sold his sand, and, purchasing a full supply of clothing, took passage on the steamboat "Fancy." While making the voyage up the river, the boat took fire and was burned, destroying all of his money and clothes, leaving him entirely penniless, his only remaining possession being a watch, which he sold to pay his passage to Burlington on another boat. He came to Des Moines county in 1837, and shortly purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land in Section 27, Benton township, borrowing the money (one hundred dollars at twenty-five per cent interest) to pay for it.

Mr. Burkholder married Miss Catherine W. Inghram in 1847. She is a native of Virginia, and a daughter of Arthur and Sarah (Ankiam) Inghram, who were natives of Pennsylvania, and who came to Des Moines county in 1835, and settled west of Burlington. In 1841 Mr. Burkholder went to Iowa City, and worked on the first state-house, and was employed in the erection of the court-house in Mt. Pleasant. In 1849 he made an overland trip with ox-teams to California, with A. W. Gordon and Carrolton Hughes, where he remained for two years. In 1854 his home was destroyed by fire, but with great energy he soon made good his loss.

Mr. Burkholder was a very liberal Democrat, and was justice of the peace for many years, and also was a member of the board of supervisors, as well as county assessor, when one man had control of the whole county. March 4, 1904, he laid down his

burdens, and passed peacefully away at the ripe age of ninety-one years. He is buried in Brazil cemetery. He was a good and just man, full of enterprise and integrity, and had accomplished much for his community. His widow resides with her son Frank, of this review. She is a member of the Methodist church, and a lady whom to know is to love and respect.

Mr. Burkholder was one of seven children, all of whom are still living: Our subject; Amanda, wife of Wm. Kellogg, Benton township, Iowa; John, a farmer, Elk county, Kans.; Louisa, wife of Jno. F. Walker, farmer, Benton township, Iowa; James, farmer, Van Buren county, Iowa; Wm. L., traveling man, Pendleton, Ind.; Kate J., wife of James Eggers, farmer, Benton township, Iowa.

When Frank G. Burkholder, our subject, was two years of age, his parents moved from Burlington township to a place four miles from Burlington, on the Mount Pleasant road, in Flint River township, where they lived till Mr. Burkholder was seven years old. At this time they came to Benton township, where the father purchased the farm of one hundred and forty acres on which Mr. Burkholder now resides.

Mr. Burkholder received his education in the common schools of Flint River and Benton townships, at the same time receiving the training in the practical work of farm life that has been the foundation of his later success. He remained upon the home farm in Benton township, assisting in the farm work, until he was twenty-one years of age, then farmed the place for a number of years afterward on shares until 1885. The next four years he spent in Hall county, Nebraska, where he rented land and engaged in farming. After this he re-

turned to the home farm in Benton township, which he operated for about four years. In 1893 he rented and successfully conducted the Ray farm, consisting of three thousand five hundred acres in Huron township. This he handled for nine years with great success, carrying on a business of stock-raising and selling, as well as general farming. At the end of this time he purchased the home place, where he has lived since, continuing his work in general farming and stock-raising that he made such a successful beginning with on the Ray place.

His success has been well shown by the great number of improvements that he has made on the place since he became its owner. He erected a large, substantial dwelling house in 1902, to replace the old homestead building; has built fine commodious barns and other buildings, and has brought the entire farm under cultivation. About his home are found all the modern improvements and conveniences that go to prove that for real independence, happiness, and comfort in living, we must look to our country homes.

Mr. Burkholder, besides his private business, takes a prominent part in township affairs, acting politically with the Democratic party. He was honored by re-election to the office of assessor for the township for term after term, and was clerk of the township for a number of years. He is a man of unusual ability, and the confidence that his neighbors showed in electing him to these positions of trust has been amply justified by the highly efficient and satisfactory manner in which he has performed the duties of these offices.

Mr. Burkholder was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Lurein Hart-

man, who was born in Benton township, Feb. 5, 1867, a daughter of Zebulon Hartman. Mr. Hartman was an early settler of Benton township, coming to Iowa in early childhood with his parents, who lived and died in Benton township. The father was a farmer, owning several large farms, and engaged in the active work of general farming and stock-raising until the time of his death, which occurred when he was about seventy years of age, and is buried in Brazil cemetery. He was a man who was held in high esteem by all who knew him, for his sterling integrity and business sagacity. The mother of Mrs. Burkholder died some years before her husband, and is interred by her husband's side.

Mrs. Burkholder, who was one of a family of seven children, was educated in the common schools of Benton township, and grew to womanhood here. She died at the home place at the age of twenty-seven years, on Feb. 7, 1904. She was a devoted wife and a kind and loving mother, giving her children loving care and service, and showing toward her husband a loving sympathy and helpfulness that did much to enable him to win the high degree of success that he has attained in the community. She was the mother of three children, all of whom are living: Frank G., born Sept. 5, 1897, while she and Mr. Burkholder were living on the Ray farm in Huron township; Catherine, also born in Huron township, April 19, 1899; and John, born on the home place in Benton township, Dec. 27, 1903.

Mr. Burkholder is well known throughout this section, and is esteemed by all who know him for his thoroughly conscientious attitude in all the affairs of life, especially in matters touching the welfare of others. The long and useful career, which is briefly

outlined above, abounds with incidents which illustrate the genuine worth and dignity of his character. He has carried himself so well and so carefully that as he advances into the midst of the years he shows a record of integrity and uprightness, so that his life is worthy of study, and his business career worthy of emulation.

CHRISTIAN MOHR.

CHRISTIAN MOHR, one of the highly respected citizens of Flint River township, Des Moines county, where he resides upon a farm of forty acres of land, is a native of Germany, his birth having occurred in Schleswig, Dec. 11, 1849. He resided at the place of his birth until about twenty-two years of age, and in the meantime acquired his education in the public schools.

He came to America in 1871, landing at Boston, Mass., and after about three years he made his way westward to Iowa, locating in Danville township, Des Moines county, where he worked on a farm for a year. He then removed to Augusta township, where he spent two years, and on the expiration of that period he returned to Danville township, where he continued for three and a half years more. He next removed to Flint River township, where he purchased his present farm of forty acres, and has since made it his home, devoting his time and energies to its cultivation. He has placed many improvemnets upon this property, making it a modern farm of model equipment, and now successfully carries on general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising.

Mr. Mohr was married in Burlington,

Feb. 18, 1881, to Miss Mary Wilke, who was also born in Germany, coming to America with her parents about 1875. Her father, Andrew Wilke, settled in Augusta township, Des Moines county, and during the latter years of his life lived retired from active business cares. He died about seven years ago, when seventy-three years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Mohr have no children of their own, but have reared three children, bestowing upon them parental love, care, and attention. These are: Christina Busse, who was born in Augusta township; Mary Wilke, who was born in Burlington, and is now the wife of Oscar Durr, a resident farmer of Flint River township; and Otto Kaney, born in Flint River township.

Mr. Mohr is a member of the Lutheran church of West Burlington, and is a Republican in his political views. He served as road supervisor for two years, but has not been active in politics as an office seeker, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his private business affairs. Purposeful effort and unremitting diligence form the basis of the success which he has gained while following farming pursuits in Des Moines county.

GEORGE EIDEMILLER.

GEORGE EIDEMILLER, a prominent and successful farmer and stock-raiser of Augusta township, is a son of Leonard and Margaret (Rage) Eidemiller, whose birth occurred on a farm near Sherilles, Dubuque county, Iowa. His parents were both born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany,

where they were also married. They came to America with little or no money, in 1848. He had learned the trade of a weaver, and was well trained as a musician to play the clarinet. He first located in Pennsylvania, where he worked at weaving for three years, and then took up his music for a number of years. In 1851 he came to Dubuque county, Iowa, bought sixty-one acres of rich farming land, and at once began the arduous task of clearing it of timber. Selling this place, he moved to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, but only stayed there a short time, when he went back to Dubuque county, and again purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land. Having a chance to sell this farm to advantage, he moved to McGregor, Iowa, and settled on a large piece of land of about one hundred and forty-four acres, where he lived till after the marriage of his son, of this review.

Our subject grew to manhood in Dubuque county, on the farm of his father, remaining there till he was considerably past twenty-one years of age. In 1881 he married Miss Minnie Prehm. She was a daughter of Henry and C. (Shockel) Prehm, and was born in Germany, and at the time of her marriage was a resident of Augusta township. This union was blessed with five children: Lydia; Henry; Emma; Rosa; Edward, died at the age of four months. After their marriage they lived with Mr. Eidemiller's father for some years, but finally came to Augusta township, where Mrs. Eidemiller had inherited some fifty-two acres of land. He soon added sixty-five more acres, adjoining this place, and now carries on general farming and raises a fine lot of cattle.

Politically, Mr. Eidemiller is independent, but has never been one to seek the honors of any office. He was raised a Presbyterian and his wife a Lutheran, but the family are now all Seventh-day Adventists, in which church, located in Burlington, Mr. Eidemiller is a deacon, and is the superintendent of the Sabbath-school in Middletown. He is a man of honest convictions and integrity, one who keeps abreast of the times, and has made many friends in the county where he is so well known. He receives his mail at Middletown, Iowa, every day, as he is in Rural Delivery No. 1.

JOHN SYDNEY SUTCLIFFE.

JOHN SYDNEY SUTCLIFFE, interested in general farming in Franklin township, is a native of this locality, born Dec. 1, 1857. His father, James Sutcliffe, was born in Yorkshire, England, and was married in that country to Anna Fernley, also a native of Yorkshire. In the year 1854 he crossed the Atlantic to the New World, and made his way into the interior of the country, at length taking up his abode in Franklin township, Des Moines county, Iowa, upon a farm belonging to his brother. There he lived for a year, after which he purchased one hundred and forty acres of land on Section 28, Franklin township. The remainder of his life was devoted to general agricultural pursuits, and he worked so persistently and energetically in the tilling of the soil that his farm became very productive, and he annually sold large crops, which returned him a good income. He died in

1873, while his wife, long surviving him, passed away in 1900, having for almost half a century been a resident of this county.

Mr. Sutcliffe, whose name introduces this record, acquired a common-school education, and when not busy with his text-books assisted in the labors of field and meadow, for he remained upon his father's farm until twenty-seven years of age. He then removed to his present place of residence on Section 15, Franklin township, where he has seventy-four acres of rich and productive land. He also owns forty-two and a half acres on Section 30, of which twenty-two acres are timber land. The remainder of this tract he rents. He has placed all of the improvements upon the old homestead, has erected good buildings, and has drained his land by putting in about thirty-five thousand feet of tile—in fact has more tiling on the same amount of acreage than any place in the county. In all of his work he is practical, and he has been quick to adopt any new methods which promise to prove of value in carrying on the farm work.

Oct. 9, 1884, Mr. Sutcliffe was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Sleeter, a native daughter of Franklin township. Her parents were Henry and Catherine Sleeter, both natives of Germany; and at an early period in the development and upbuilding of this section of the State they became residents of Des Moines county. Both died in 1904, there being an interval of about three months between the dates of death. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Sutcliffe were born five children: John, married Mary Bates, of this township, has one child, Sidney Lewis, and

resides in Franklin township; Grace, Catherine, Verna, and Ruby, all at home.

Mr. Sutcliffe carries on general farming, his main crop being corn, and he also raises horses, cattle, and Jersey Red hogs. Everything about his place is neat and thrifty in appearance, and both departments of his business are proving profitable. His political allegiance is given to the Republican party; and while he has never sought or desired office, he has ever been loyal to the interests of the organization, and has kept well informed on the issues of the day. He has found in his farm work, however, ample opportunity for the exercise of his talents and energies, and in the control of his agricultural interests has gained a place among the substantial residents of his native township.

WILLIAM BERLIN.

WILLIAM BERLIN, now residing on his farm of fifty acres in Section 8, Franklin township, where he is engaged in farming, is a native of the Fatherland, being born in Pommern, Germany, Jan. 15, 1850. He received a good education in the German schools, attending until fourteen years old. He was raised a farmer, and followed that occupation in his native land, coming to the United States when he was twenty-one years of age, in 1871.

Upon coming to this country he remained for a short time in Cleveland, Ohio, and then removed to Toledo, Ohio, where he engaged as a farm hand, remaining there until 1873. In that year he came to Des Moines county, Iowa, and

located at Burlington, being employed as a laborer. He was employed for nearly nine years in the shops of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad at West Burlington, working as a helper in the boiler shop.

In 1890 he removed to a farm of one hundred and fifty acres in Flint River township, renting there, and remaining for ten years. In 1900 he purchased a farm consisting of fifty acres, which he brought under cultivation, and where he made himself a comfortable home; but in 1905 he sold this place, and has bought a good farm of one hundred acres near Monroe City, Ralls county, Mo., where he intends to locate in 1906.

Mr. Berlin's parents never came to this country, both dying in Germany. July 22, 1874, Mr. Berlin was united in marriage to Miss Dorothy Anna Richter. She was also a native of Germany, being born in Saxony, where her parents died when she was a small child. She came to the United States in 1873, and lived in Burlington till the time of her marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Berlin have been blessed with a family of six children, of whom five are still living. The oldest son, C. Herman, is a farmer, residing in Franklin township. He was married to Miss Laura Heitmeier, a native of Franklin township, and who now with her husband still lives on the same farm on which she was born, the place now belonging to her father. They have one living son, Wilfred. Herman Berlin was in the Philippine Islands during the war there, and served during the entire period of the war. The second child of Mr. and Mrs. William Berlin is a daughter, Elizabeth, the wife of Christ Luth, of Bur-

lington, and is the mother of three children, Edward, Clara and Minnie. William is a farmer, residing in Franklin township. Edward is also engaged in agriculture, in Franklin township. Emma resides with her brother William, making a home for him. The youngest child, Henry, died at the age of seven weeks. All the children were born in Des Moines county, and all received good common-school education in the public schools of the community.

Mr. Berlin has always taken a practical interest in the progress of the cause of popular education in the neighborhood, and has given valuable service to the public schools, by acting as director of schools of the district. In his political relations, Mr. Berlin has affiliated with the Republican party, which he considers represents in its principles the best forms of popular government. He is a genial man of well-developed social nature, one who is justly popular in his home community, and who in his sturdy, thrifty ways and stanch integrity is a worthy representative of the better element of agriculturists of the county. He has won his success solely by his own efforts, building his way up from the bottom of the ladder to a position of prominence among his neighbors, who honor and respect him for what he has accomplished.

FREDERICK J. GARDNER.

FREDERICK J. GARDNER, engaged in the raising of cereals and fruit, and also conducting a dairy business in Franklin township, is one of the citizens that the Father-

land has furnished to Des Moines county, for his birth occurred in Detmold, Prussia, July 29, 1842, his parents being John B. and Florence (Huneke) Gardner. In the spring of 1849 the father with his family sailed from Germany to New Orleans, being six weeks upon the ocean; and after reaching the Crescent City, he continued up the Mississippi River by steamer to Burlington, where he lived for a year. His wife, however, died in July, 1849, and in the spring of 1851 the father was again married, subsequent to which time he removed to Benton township, where he had purchased a farm of eighty acres, on which he spent his remaining days. His attention was then given to agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred July 4, 1895.

Frederick J. Gardner was not yet seven years of age when, with his parents, he came to the United States. He remained with his father until the fall of 1861, and then took up his abode in Burlington, where he became engaged in the grocery business in connection with his brother-in-law, Fred Balbert. That relation was maintained for six years, at the end of which time Mr. Gardner sold his interest to his partner, and turned his attention to farming upon a tract of rented land. In August, 1867, however, he again went to Burlington, where he engaged in business as a dry-goods clerk for the firm of Schram & Schmieg. This relation was maintained until 1881, at the end of which time the firm embarked in the wholesale business, while Mr. Gardner, in connection with Andrew Peterson and J. S. Park, bought the retail dry-goods house formerly conducted by the firm. He was thus identified with mercantile interests in Burlington until 1888, when the stock was sold, and Mr. Gardner accepted a clerkship in

the dry-goods store of J. S. Schram, remaining there for three years.

He next turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. In 1891 he bought a farm of one hundred and seven acres on Section 24, Franklin township, hiring a man to work the place for two years. In 1893 he took up his abode on the farm, since which time he has erected several buildings. In all of his work he is very progressive, keeping in touch with modern thought concerning agricultural development. He has planted several hundred apple, plum, peach, and pear trees, and thus has an excellent orchard, which yields its fruits in season, and contributes in no small degree to his income. He has also established a dairy, and now has about twenty cows. In the manufacture of butter he uses modern methods, including a gasoline engine, a separator, and like recent inventions.

July 4, 1866, Mr. Gardner was married to Miss Susan G. Mott, who was born in Des Moines county, and is a daughter of Michael and Jane (Hollis) Mott, the former a native of England and the latter of Germany. In early life the father crossed the Atlantic to New York, while the mother's people came to America in 1821, and from the Empire State removed to Ohio, and thence to Illinois, coming to Des Moines county, Iowa, May 10, 1835.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardner have become the parents of six children: John, at home; Lucius, a rancher in Colorado; Walter, also at home; Nettie, of Burlington; Alice, a teacher in the public schools of Burlington; and Florence, a stenographer in Derby's mill in Burlington.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardner are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Sperry, in the work of which they take an active in-

terest. He is now serving as its treasurer, and does all in his power to promote the various departments of church work. In politics he is a Republican, while fraternally he is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He has a wide and favorable acquaintance in business circles in Burlington, and is making a creditable record as a practical and enterprising agriculturist; and his property is an indication of his business ability, for all that he possesses has been gained through his own labor.

WILLIAM H. HURLBUT.

WILLIAM H. HURLBUT is the sole owner of the lumber and grain business at Danville, and is one of the progressive, enterprising, and active business men of Des Moines county. He was born on a farm in Danville township in 1851, his parents being Thomas K. and Jane (Tweedy) Hurlbut, both of whom are residing in Danville township. His boyhood days were spent on the home farm, and after pursuing his preliminary education in the country schools, he pursued a course of study of more than four years in Denmark Academy, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1874.

Later he engaged in teaching for a number of years, in Waukesha, Wis., and Minneiska, Minn., and he attended the Normal Schools at Winona, Minn., and Whitewater, Wis. He afterward accepted a position as bookkeeper and cashier with railway contractors in South Dakota, acting in that capacity for four years; and on the expiration of that

period he returned to his home, where he engaged in farming with his father.

In the meantime he had invested in land, and in his agricultural pursuits he met with very gratifying success; but in 1897 he directed his business efforts into another channel of activity, purchasing the elevator and becoming a grain merchant at Danville. The following year he established the lumber business, and he also handles tile and brick.

In 1901, in connection with others, he organized the Danville State Savings Bank, of which he was made a director and the first president; thus his business interests were closely connected with the commercial, industrial, and financial activities of Danville. He is emphatically a man of enterprise, positive character, indomitable energy, and strict integrity; and he belongs to that class of representative men, who, while promoting individual success, also contribute to the general prosperity.

Mr. Hurlbut was married, in 1898, to Miss Katherine Allen, of Montgomery county, Missouri, who was born near Oberlin, Ohio, and was educated in Kirksville and in Warrenton, Mo. She afterward became a teacher, and was following that profession in Danville when she made the acquaintance of Mr. Hurlbut. Her parents were Samuel and Mary (Hickock) Allen. Mr. and Mrs. Hurlbut now have three children: Frances Allen, Ruth Alethea, and Marian Allen. Mr. Hurlbut cast his first presidential ballot for U. S. Grant, in 1872, and has since been a stalwart Republican, but never an office-seeker. To every enterprise calculated to advance the prosperity of Danville he is a generous contributor, and has been an

important factor in the development of that city, of which he is one of the most popular residents.

JACOB FREDERICK WAGNER.

A SUBSTANTIAL and progressive business man of Burlington, Iowa, is Jacob Frederick Wagner, who was born at Madison, Ind., May 20, 1851, a son of Nicholas and Mary (Yeager) Wagner. When only one year old he removed from his birth-place with his parents to this city, and here he has ever since resided. His education was received in the public schools of the city, and on the completion of his education he entered the employ of George Kreichbaum for the purpose of learning the trade of tin-smith. He served a full apprenticeship of four years, after which he was engaged with others employing tinsmiths until the year 1901. On March 1 of that year he began business for himself, locating at 1202 North Eighth Street, and here he has ever since enjoyed increasing success and prosperity. He executes all kinds of tin, sheet-iron and sheet-metal job work and repairing, and makes a specialty of guttering, spouting, and roofing. His handiwork is in evidence on nearly all the public buildings and finest private residences of the city of Burlington, while his labors frequently take him into the rural districts of Des Moines county, and he is frequently called to surrounding towns and cities.

Fraternally, Mr. Wagner is a well-known member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, which organization he joined on May 20, 1891, while his religious relations identify him with St. John's Catholic

church. He has always refused public office, although he has often been solicited to accept such honors, and may be fairly considered as entitled to them because of standing as an influential member of the Democratic party, which he has always loyally supported. On Nov. 30, 1875, he married Miss Amelia C. Vogt, daughter of Frederick and Phoebe Vogt, and to them have been born nine children: Walter, Arthur, Edward, Julius, William, Alice, Carrie, Elsie, and Frederick, all of whom reside in Burlington. Mr. Wagner, by the success which he has achieved in a business way, has shown himself to be the possessor of genuine practical ability, while as eloquent testimony to the strength and uprightness of his character may be mentioned the large number of friends whose esteem he has won.

MAJOR J. N. MARTIN.

MAJOR J. N. MARTIN, an honored veteran of the Civil War, who has been equally loyal to his country in public service in days of peace, has had a varied career, calling him into various parts of the country, and entailing upon him a multiplicity of duties which have given him broad experience. Since July, 1899, he has filled the position of deputy collector of internal revenue at Burlington, has been an active and valued factor in community affairs, and a recognized leader in local Republican circles.

Major Martin was born in Lubec, Me., July 14, 1844, and is descended from Welsh ancestry. Representatives of the name removed from the little rock-ribbed country of Wales to the north of Ireland, whence the grandfather of Major Martin came to the

New World. The family were Protestants in religious faith. James H. Martin, father of Major Martin, born in 1815, was a resident of New Brunswick in early life, and afterward removed to Maine. He was successively a coast pilot, seaman, and first officer of a vessel, and he died in 1864, on the James River, while in the United States transport service. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Martha Olson, was a native of Dublin, Ireland, born in 1817, and belonged to a Catholic family. She died in Lubec, Me., in 1902, in the eighty-fifth year of her age. In the family of James H. and Martha Martin were the following named: George W., deceased; Peter A., and Mary E., residents of Maine; Margaret, deceased; John H., and Andrew P., who are living in Rhode Island; George H., of the State of Washington; and Charles, deceased. Two of the brothers, Peter and John, were soldiers of the Civil War, the former serving as commissary sergeant, while the latter was on a revenue cutter.

Born in a seaport town, Major Martin worked through the summer months and in the winter seasons attended school. He went to sea in the coasting service, and was thus engaged at the time of the outbreak of the war of the Rebellion. He was a lad of only seventeen years when, in 1861, he enlisted as a private in Company A, Fifteenth Maine Infantry, serving under command of Capt. B. B. Murray. He was with the New England division of the Army of the Gulf, and served four years and eight months, re-enlisting in January, 1864, while in Texas, in the same company and regiment. He participated in the capture of New Orleans, the Red River expedition under General Banks, and the Texas campaign of 1863-64. He was sent North and

joined Grant's army on the James River, in July 1864, and went to Washington with his regiment at the time of the raid, to prevent the capitol from falling into the hands of the rebels. His regiment was then granted a thirty days' veteran furlough, which was spent in Maine. Returning to the South, he joined Sheridan's army in the Shenandoah valley.

Following the surrender of Lee his regiment was ordered back to Washington, and stationed as guard about the city at the time of President Lincoln's assassination. Following the grand review he was ordered to Savannah, Ga., and then to Georgetown, S. C., where the regiment was divided and distributed over the State, occupying the county-seats to maintain order, administer the oath of allegiance to the Confederate soldiers, and to divide crops among the freedmen. He was mustered out at Charleston, S. C., July 5, 1866. From the ranks he was successively promoted to corporal, sergeant, second lieutenant, first lieutenant, and captain, and was discharged as captain of Company A. He had been brevetted major, April 9, 1864. He was not off duty a week during his entire service, except while on veteran furlough. At the time of the Spanish-American War, he again attempted to enter military service, making application to the governor of Iowa and the governor of Maine.

Major Martin came West in 1867, and was with the engineering corps of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad. He learned the business, and was with that road until 1871, during the later years having charge of construction, and was assistant chief engineer on the Burlington & Southwestern until 1872, when he took a contract to build the bridges from

Moulton, Iowa, south to Lexington, Mo. He was engaged in contracting for about six years. He was also connected with the Iowa Central Railroad, building approaches on both sides of the Keithsburg bridge over the Mississippi River. He afterward did general contracting, building the Valley Street sewer to Fifth Street, in Burlington, in 1880.

Mr. Martin has visited the West on various occasions. He has visited California, Oregon, and other Western districts, and since coming to Burlington has visited every Western State. He made one trip to Alaska in 1884. Following the building of the Union Pacific Railroad he went to the West, and has prospected in nearly every State, including Wyoming and Colorado, and also in the British Possessions to the north, but has never met with success in his search for gold in the mines.

In Burlington, in 1870, Major Martin married Miss Zilla L. Parsons, who was born in Parsonfield, Me., and they now have four living children: James N., who is auditor in the United States engineer's office, at Louisville, Ky.; Margaret L., a pianist and music teacher; Frank P., who is prospecting in Alaska; and Olive M., who has been a student of voice culture in Chicago and Louisville, having an excellent voice. Mr. and Mrs. Martin also lost two children: John L., who died at the age of twenty-four years; and Zilla, who died at the age of one year.

Major Martin is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and attended the national encampment at Washington, in 1892. In politics he has always been a staunch Republican, active in the work of the party. He served as city marshal of Burlington under Mayor Adams, fill-

ing the position for one term and a part of another. In 1890 he was appointed postmaster by President Harrison, filling the position for four years; and in July, 1890, he received appointment to his present position, that of deputy collector of internal revenue. No public trust reposed in him has ever been betrayed in the slightest degree, and he stands to-day as one of the honored men of the city because of his capable service in office and his unfaltering loyalty to his country in the darkest hour of her history.

CHARLES A. STROTHMAN.

CHARLES A. STROTHMAN, widely known by reason of his long connection with public life and his career as a successful farmer, is now residing in Pleasant Grove township on his farm of one-hundred and two acres, situated in Sections 34 and 35, in addition to which he owns a half interest in the old family home farm of one hundred acres in Section 27. Mr. Strothman was born in this township Feb. 28, 1862, a son of Frederick and Louisa (Liemkuhn) Strothman. The father was a native of Westphalia, Germany, and emigrated to America in the '40's, landing at New Orleans after a voyage of approximately three months' duration, and thence coming up the river to St. Louis. He remained in that city for only a few months, however, soon coming to Burlington, Des Moines county, where he began to look for a farming location. He decided to settle in Pleasant Grove township, bought forty acres of land there, and by hard and unrelenting toil achieved a considerable degree of prosperity. He added to his farm



CHARLES A. STROTHMAN AND WIFE.

from time to time until he owned one-hundred and forty acres, all of which he cultivated. He was by trade a stone-mason, and besides agriculture and stock-raising did some work at that trade. He was a Democrat in his political leanings, and was among the most progressive and enterprising element of the community. He was a lifelong member of the German Methodist Episcopal church. His death occurred in September, 1882, in the seventy-second year of his age, and his passing was matter for general regret.

The mother of our subject was, like her husband, a native of Westphalia, accompanied him to America, and was throughout her life a devoted member of the church with which he was identified, being in the truest and best sense his helpmeet and friend. The date of her demise, which occurred at the home of our subject, was January, 1901. She was the mother of six children, of whom one, Henry, died on the voyage to the United States, and the others are as follows: William F., who died at the age of forty-four years, was a farmer of Washington township, and married Miss Elizabeth Daum, who survives him, and now resides in Missouri; Serena, the wife of John Reusch, a butcher by trade, and a resident of Burlington; Caroline, the wife of William Hanne, engaged in the grocery business in Burlington; John H., engaged in farming in Washington township, this county, and Charles A., the subject of the present sketch.

The education of Mr. Strothman was begun in the rural district schools of his native township, and later he became a student in Howe's Academy, at Mount Pleasant, continuing in that institution during two winter sessions. During the four years

immediately succeeding he was engaged as a teacher in the district schools of Pleasant Grove township, and on relinquishing that work, began operating his father's farm. This he continued successfully until 1895, when he purchased his present holdings, where he has ever since carried on general farming and stock-raising. The farm has been greatly improved since he assumed its management, and modern methods have been introduced throughout.

On Dec. 25, 1892, at Pleasant Grove, Mr. Strothman married Miss Mary Parma Obermann, a daughter of Frederick and Mary A. (Hale) Obermann. Mr. Obermann was born in Darmstadt, Germany, coming to the United States during the '40's, when but fourteen years of age. At Cincinnati, Ohio, he learned the trade of carpenter and cabinet-maker, and at this he worked in Virginia for some years. He then came to Iowa and bought a small home in Pleasant Grove township, Des Moines county, where he worked at his trade during the remainder of his active life, and also ran a small dairy. He is a member of the Lutheran church, and his standing as a citizen and as a man has always been of the highest and most irreproachable in every respect. Mrs. Obermann was born in Indiana, and came to Iowa as a child, her marriage taking place in this State in 1857. She died Jan. 16, 1892. She was the mother of seven children, as follows: Charles, who died in his forty-third year; Etta, wife of J. H. Coad, a farmer of Cawker City, Kans.; George, a resident of Washington township, Des Moines county, where he is engaged in farming and stock-feeding; Alfred William, a plumber by trade, and a resident of the city of Burlington; Mary Parma, wife of our subject;

Bismarck, a farmer of Pleasant Grove township; and Henry, also a farmer and a resident of Henry county.

To Mr. and Mrs. Strothman have been born four children, all of whom, except the eldest, who was born at the home of the grandparents, claim their present home as place of birth. They are as follows: Bertha E., born Oct. 15, 1894; Grace V., born Feb. 18, 1896; Gladys C., born July 22, 1899; and Charles F., born June 11, 1901. All are being educated in the local public schools.

In his political relations Mr. Strothman has always been a consistent and active supporter of the great Democratic party, in whose tenets he is a firm and conscientious believer, and by his fellow-citizens has frequently been called upon to undertake the service of the public in various capacities. He first served as constable for a number of years, and the second public office to which he received election was that of justice of the peace, in which the duration of his tenure was five years, while he has since been in turn township clerk for five years and assessor for two years. He is now again occupying the office of township clerk. This long and honorable record has been marked by eminent efficiency and by fidelity to duty at all times without regard to personal or partisan interest, and the great popularity which he enjoys has been worthily won and justly bestowed. A good neighbor, a true friend, and an able and upright official, he has fully merited the public favor. As a farmer he has by industry and careful management achieved a very substantial success, but his chief claim to consideration lies in the fact of each duty being faithfully performed as it came to him.

EDWARD GOTTSCHALG.

A WORTHY representative of the younger and more progressive agricultural element of Des Moines county, is Edward Gottschalg, of Huron township, who was born in Chicago, Ill., Jan. 24, 1867, the son of John and Mary (Brower) Gottschalg. When only five years of age he came with his parents to Huron township, but remained only two years, moving then to Delaware, where he lived for seven years. At the end of that time he returned to Huron township, which has since been his home. There were nine children in the family, when he was at home as a boy: Albert, Molly Louise, John, Anna, William, Frank, Eva Mary, Amelia Laura. His father, John Gottschalg, was born Nov. 20, 1829, and died Dec. 16, 1899. The mother is still living, making her home with a daughter at Keithsburg, Ill.

Engaged in the work of his father's farm, Edward Gottschalg grew to manhood amid surroundings well fitted to form and impart those strong, self-reliant, and energetic traits of character which have since made him successful and respected. Meanwhile he was acquiring in the public schools of his township a good and thoroughly practical education, and this he has supplemented by a life of intelligent observation.

Feb. 2, 1893, he was united in marriage to Miss Mattie Puckett, daughter of John and Martha Jane (Oakley) Puckett. To this union have been born four children, three girls and one boy, of whom two girls are living: The children are as follows. Elsie Fern, born July 26, 1894, and died Sept. 18, 1897; Myrtle Fay,

born Sept. 20, 1896; Frankie Edward, born Nov. 11, 1898, and died when a month old; and Nellie Iona, born March 2, 1901.

Mr. Gottschalg owns eighty acres of the finest farming land in Huron township, in Section 4, and there he is successfully engaged in the business of farming; and by the exercise of judgment, foresight, and careful calculation, has secured very gratifying financial rewards.

Mr. Gottschalg has on all occasions manifested a progressive tendency, and has never failed to support any project that he considered proper for the material and moral advancement of the community in which he lives. He is devoted to the cause of right and justice in all their aspects, and has always been a believer in the duty of the citizen to make a study of questions affecting the public, and to assist, with whatever ability he may possess, in their solution. He has never aspired to the holding of public office, but in order to perform his part in local government he has taken a share in the work of the Republican party, and has been a stanch supporter of its chosen leaders.

Mr. and Mrs. Gottschalg are active members of the Methodist Protestant church, Mr. Gottschalg being a class-leader in the same. Thus his activities bear no taint of self-seeking, but have all been calculated to benefit the community which claims his citizenship, and to benefit humanity at large. He and his wife bear a valued part in the social life of the community, and have many friends throughout Des Moines county, who recognize their ability, and predict for them a future of usefulness and honor.

JOHN MILTON WATSON.

JOHN MILTON WATSON, who owns a farm of fifty-five acres in Section 1, Yellow Springs township, and also cultivates fifty acres belonging to his father, was born in this township Aug. 1, 1854, his parents being Alexander and Lavina Ann (Lee) Watson. His father has always followed the occupation of farming, and is still living, being now one of the venerable citizens of the county. The mother, however, has departed this life, having died June 30, 1904, when seventy-five years of age.

John Milton Watson acquired his education in the Hazel Grove School in Yellow Springs township, his time being divided between the work of the school-room, the pleasures of the playground, and the duties of the home farm. He was early instructed concerning the practical methods of tilling the soil, and has always engaged in general agricultural pursuits. He continued to assist his father in the operation of the old home place until twenty-three years of age, when he was married.

It was on March 7, 1884, that he wedded Miss Elmira Kneedy, who was born June 22, 1853, a daughter of John and Ann (Higgins) Kneedy, and a native of Maryland. She came to Des Moines county with her parents when she was about eight or nine years old. They located in Burlington, where her father worked at the cooper's trade, which he had previously learned.

Five children have graced this marriage: Florence Armilda, Bertha May, Amy Rebecca, Albert Lee, and Raymond Carl. The family circle yet remains un-

broken by the hand of death, but two of the daughters are away from home. Bertha May is now the wife of Lee McClintock, and they reside in Section 3, Yellow Springs township, moving here from Dover, Mo., where they lived for a time. Florence is the wife of George W. Boston, by whom she had three children: Ralph, the only one living; John died at the age of about eleven months; and one who died in infancy. Mrs. Boston is now making her home with her father.

Mr. Watson has lived a quiet life, his energies being concentrated upon his farm work. By his untiring diligence and hard work he has brought about the excellent condition of his home place, putting on all of the improvements. Besides building a new residence in 1900, he has drilled a deep well at an expense of about \$200. He has fenced his entire property and added other improvements, till he now has a very comfortable and cozy home near the north line of Des Moines county.

FREDERICK BOCK.

THE name of Frederick Bock became actively associated with the business history of Flint River township, and in trade circles he sustained an unassailable reputation; but those who knew him in other walks of life also entertained for him the highest regard. He was a son of Frederick Bock, and was born in Gubeardstadt, Germany, about 1823. He came to America in 1864, and settled in Burlington township, Des Moines county, Iowa. Soon after this he bought a place of one hundred and sixty acres on Sections 14

and 23, in Flint River township, where he lived till his death, which occurred Sept. 16, 1893, at the advanced age of seventy-one years. He gave his political allegiance to the Republican party, and was ever loyal to all of its greatest needs. He was an esteemed member of the German Evangelical church.

In 1884, Mr. Bock was married to Mrs. Mary (Thurman) Höuer, of Des Moines county, who is a daughter of John and Catherine (Schulz) Thurman, and is a native of Machdenberg, Germany, her birth occurring Dec. 16, 1829. Her first husband was William Höuer, and they had one child, William, who died at the age of six weeks. Mr. Höuer passed away in August, 1882, aged fifty years. The memory of Mr. Höuer is enshrined in the hearts of all who knew him.

Mrs. Bock adopted Charles Grothe, son of Henry and Dora (Heinsauer) Grothe, who was born in West Phalen, Germany, April 26, 1882. He came to America when only two years old. His father came before the family did, and met his death in 1884 while walking on the railroad tracks, being struck by a Chicago, Burlington & Quincy train and instantly killed. His widow later married Christ Pistorius, a prosperous stone-mason of Burlington, Iowa. They reside at 206 South Woodlawn Avenue. Mrs. Bock gave her adopted son a good home and a fair education in the district schools. After her husband died she sold the Busse place, and bought one hundred and twenty acres in Sections 7 and 8, in Flint River township. Her adopted son superintends the farming interests of Mrs. Bock. They have made all the improve-

ments on the place, putting up all the necessary outbuildings for grain and stock, and now have a comfortable home and new barn thirty by forty feet, which they erected in 1903. They do farming and gardening and also raise stock.

Mrs. Bock is a woman who has passed through much trouble, but each trial seems to have made her more able and better fitted to endure the burden of life. She is respected throughout the township for her many deeds of kindness. Charles, her adopted son, also commands the universal respect and esteem of all friends and neighbors for his sterling business qualifications, and for the attention which he exhibits constantly towards his mother in his efforts to make her comfortable.

FRANK L. MARSTELLER.

FRANK L. MARSTELLER private secretary to Dr. J. S. Caster, magnetic physician, who is mayor of Burlington, is a native of Lafayette, Ind., and was born Oct. 13, 1865. His father, William Holmes Marsteller, and his brothers started a carriage factory in Lafayette, and being very prosperous, grew wealthy. The grandfather, father, and three brothers of the father of our subject were in the Civil War. His father's youngest brother was only thirteen years of age when he enlisted as drummer boy in the Twenty-second Indiana Regiment, but advanced to the rank of adjutant. The great-grandfather of Mr. Marsteller, Major William Henry Holmes, belonged to one of the old families of the Dominion, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and was a pall-bearer at the funeral of General George Washington.

After Mr. Marsteller passed through the high school of Champaign, Ill., he came to Burlington, being about seventeen years of age, and accepted a position as night clerk of the old Barrett House, which was then conducted by Bell & Sweeny. He attended Elliott's Business College during the day, from which he was graduated, and then became the head clerk of the Barrett House, one of the principal hotels of the West. Here he remained for ten years, becoming widely acquainted with the traveling public of that time. He then became head clerk of the Gorham House, now known as the Delano Hotel, remaining there till 1891. Since then Mr. Marsteller has been the private secretary to Dr. J. S. Caster.

June 5, 1889, Mr. Marsteller and Miss Mary Darling were united in marriage. Mrs. Marsteller is a daughter of William and Sarah (Field) Darling, both members of old and highly respected pioneer families of Des Moines county. Mr. and Mrs. Darling were the parents of three daughters: Mary, wife of Mr. Marsteller; Fanny, married D. A. Bradley; and Grace, married Robert Kroppach, and died in 1899. Mr. and Mrs. Darling are both dead. Since his mother's death Arthur Kroppach has been living with Mr. and Mrs. Marsteller.

The father of our subject died in 1895 and is buried in Lafayette, Ind., while his mother is still living, residing in Champaign, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Marsteller are both members of the Episcopalian church. He is a member of the Forresters, Modern Woodmen of America, and the Maccabees, holding office in the two last named. In politics he has always been actively engaged in the support of the Republican party, and in the fall of 1904 was a candidate for county clerk against a man who for the last

eight years has had a majority of some twelve hundred. Although this is a Democratic county, Mr. Marsteller reduced his opponent's majority to seven. Surely Mr. Marsteller is to be congratulated upon his great success in business, and his life, though young, gives promise of a still brighter future. His ability and his pleasant and courtly manner toward all, have gained for him many warm friends and acquaintances in all parts of the State.

GOTTLIEB WOELLHAF.

THERE is perhaps no city in the State of Iowa that can produce as great a number of men who began life with limited means that to-day are enjoying all the comforts of a retired life as the city of Burlington. Mr. Gottlieb Woellhaf is one of this class, and one of the early and esteemed citizens of the city. He is a native of Germany, being born in Unterturkheim, Würtemberg, Germany, Feb. 22, 1841. He obtained his education in the public schools in Germany and France. After spending a number of years in learning the tailor's trade he decided to come to the United States, and landed in the city of New York in 1869, where he remained for six months. Thinking there were better opportunities for young men in the West, he chose Iowa for his future destiny, locating at Burlington, Iowa. He at once opened a tailor shop on Jefferson Street, and engaged in merchant tailoring. It did not take long for his skill and great ability to become known, and his trade grew from year to year very rapidly till he was the leading tailor of the great metropolis. He continued in the business

for twenty-five years, at the end of which time he had accumulated considerable of this world's goods, and retired from the business. He had worked hard and faithfully all these long years, and it was very gratifying to his many friends to see him thus rewarded. He has erected a large and comfortable home at 842 High Street, and is also owner of one of the adjoining buildings and the business store on Jefferson Street now occupied by the Miss Williams's millinery store. Part of his time is spent in a garden patch about a half mile from the city, where he raises garden truck, which he enjoys very much.

In 1874, Mr. Woellhaf married Miss Mary Disque, a daughter of Henry Disque, one of the early settlers of Burlington, and who was a cigar-maker. The parents of Mrs. Disque are both dead. She was born in Burlington, and was a supporter of the German Lutheran church. Her death occurred July 9, 1903, and she was laid to rest in Aspen Grove cemetery in her native home.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Woellhaf three children were born in Burlington, and are now living here: Henry A., a watch-maker and jeweler, located on Jefferson Street; Fred W., assistant credit clerk at Chittenden & Eastman's, married Miss Nettie Kaster; Fanny, resides with her father. Mr. Woellhaf is a strong Republican, but not an office-seeker, preferring to assist his party in a private manner. During his continuous residence or thirty-five years he has seen many vast changes take place in the city. While the city has not grown so rapidly as many other places in the same number of years, still it has grown slowly but surely, thus making a solid foundation for the progress in the future. Mr. Woellhaf has

always stood ready to do his part in improving both the residence and business portion of the city. His close application to business and applied economy kept his wheels ever in motion, and in time brought him success. His life has been pure and just, and he possesses the entire confidence and good-will of all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance.

HENRY WESTERBECK.

IN the year 1854 the Westerbeck family disembarked from a sailing vessel at New Orleans, ascended the Mississippi River to St. Louis, and after remaining ice-bound at that city for two weeks, proceeded on their journey to the scene of their future home, the date of their arrival in Burlington being some time in March, 1854. Of this family was Henry Westerbeck, who was born in Prussia, Germany, March 25, 1845, a son of Phillip and Mary (Niehous) Westerbeck, eldest of a family of four, the others being William, of Middletown, Iowa; Lipp, of Grand Junction, Iowa; and Anna, now the wife of James Mumme, a resident of Burlington. The father was a laborer, but after ten years of residence in Burlington he decided to become a farmer, and coming to Flint River township he purchased a tract comprising eighty acres of fine agricultural land. Here he had his home until the time of his death in 1887, and was very successful, attaining to a comfortable degree of material prosperity. His wife survived him many years, her demise occurring in 1903.

Mr. Westerbeck began his education in

the schools of his native land, and after coming to America attended for a time the Burlington public schools. In Burlington also he acquired the mastery of a useful trade, that of coopering, which he learned under the direction of a Mr. Bresser, and followed it continuously for nine years. For the two years following he was in the employ of his father, and then purchased forty acres of land in Flint River township, to which he has since added twenty acres. This farm, on which he has ever since made his home, was then almost in its original state, covered with timber and entirely uncultivated; but by force of diligent and arduous efforts he has made it one of the best-producing properties in this section, bringing it under cultivation and adding many modern improvements, doing all his own clearing, erecting a commodious dwelling-house and substantial barns and other buildings.

Mr. Westerbeck has been twice married; first, on Nov. 17, 1867, to Miss Mary Mumme, daughter of James and Mary (Rike) Mumme, and to them were born four children, Anna, Lillie, Lydia, and Andrew. Andrew, the youngest, died at the age of four and one-half years, and the demise of Mrs. Westerbeck occurred March 28, 1873. Mr. Westerbeck's second marriage took place Feb. 10, 1875, when he was united with Miss Christina Humann, daughter of Adam and Caroline (Faul) Humann, Mrs. Westerbeck was born in Russia, as also were her father and mother. They came to America in 1874. Of their union have been born the following children: Adam, who married Miss Minnie Brendemeyer, and lives at New London, this State; Emma,

wife of Henry Grupe, of Burlington; James, who resides with his parents; Mary, who is the wife of August Flachmann, and resides on a farm adjoining that of Mr. Westerbeck; and Henry, Joseph, John, Phillip, Ida Mata, and Effie, who remain with their parents, besides two who died in infancy, and one son, William, who died at the age of one year. All were born and reared in Flint River township, and received their education in the district schools.

Mr. Westerbeck is an attendant of the Lutheran church, to whose support he contributes. While he feels an interest in public affairs, he is not connected with any partisan organization, preferring to act independently; although at the last presidential election he cast his ballot for the regular nominee of the Republican party, Theodore Roosevelt. By the success which he has attained in the management of his farm he has proved himself a good business man, and has acquired a competency, entirely by his own efforts. He has a large number of friends who will be interested in a review of his career.

WILLIAM WESTERBECK.

ONE of the highly respected residents of Flint River township for the past thirty-five years, and who came to America when a mere lad of thirteen years, is William Westerbeck. He is a son of Albert Westerbeck, and was born in West Phalen, Germany, May 24, 1840. He attended the common schools in his home place, and did all the chores on his father's farm till he made the above-mentioned

great trip. His first work in this new country was on a farm in Quincy, Ill., where he remained for a year and a half. He then came to Des Moines county, and engaged by the month on various farms for some time. After this he spent four years in the city of Burlington, being employed at the old hotel known to all as the Barrett House. In 1863, he began to farm for himself, carrying it on for a year and a half in Illinois, when in 1871 he bought his present farm of one hundred acres in Flint River township. At the time of this purchase nearly all of this large tract of land was covered with timber. Mr. Westerbeck cleared it, and has made many substantial and valuable improvements, erecting a comfortable house, a good barn thirty by forty feet, as well as other needed outbuildings for his stock, grain, and farm implements. Besides doing general farming he also raises a fine grade of stock, having at the present time three good horses, ten head of cattle, and raises from ten to fifteen hogs annually.

April 9, 1869, Mr. Westerbeck became the husband of Miss Anna Gardener, daughter of William and Anna (Reiper) Gardener. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Westerbeck were born three sons and five daughters, as follows: Emma, died March, 1871, aged one and a half years; Lizzie, died August, 1872, at the age of one and a half years; May, passed away Dec 1, 1885, aged eleven years; Albert, lives in Flint River township; Laura, is the wife of M. Johnson; Fred, a resident of Burlington; Anna, married Julius Nelson, of Flint River township; and Wilhelm, at home. His children attended the Prairie Grove school in their own district.

Mr. and Mrs. Westerbeck are both members of the German Evangelical church, being regular attendants when the weather will permit. Mr. Westerbeck has always given his political allegiance to the Republican party, but has never aspired to office, preferring to spend his time on his farm with his family. His beautiful home, so accessible to West Burlington and to the great metropolis, is a fitting example of his thrift, energy, and well-guarded economy. He can look back and see all the struggles and sacrifices he made as a pioneer farmer, and to-day point with pride to his measure of success, and well say that he earned it all by the hard labor of his own willing hands. His business career has always been upright and honest, his social disposition kind and genial, and he has the respect and friendship of all with whom he comes in contact.

JOHN GROSS.

JOHN GROSS, proprietor of a prosperous blacksmith and wagon-making business at Augusta, Des Moines county, Iowa, has been a resident of that place for twenty-two years and of Des Moines county for fifty-four years, and takes rank among the pioneer settlers of this part of Iowa. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in the city of Harrisburg on June 15, 1849, son of Israel and Maria Gross. The father, who was also born at Harrisburg, and who was by trade a shoemaker, brought his family to the West when our subject was but six months old, and located at Bur-

lington. The flourishing city of to-day was then but a small village, and being early on the ground Israel Gross established there a shoe shop, which was among the first, if not the very first, in the town. A few years later he purchased a tract of sixty-five acres in Union township, near the present Avery farm, and removed to that place, the family taking up its residence in a two-room log house that stood upon the farm, and that continued to be the home until our subject had reached manhood's estate. There the father did the neighborhood shoemaking and successfully engaged in farming for a number of years. He died in Union township in 1882, and is buried in Shiloh cemetery, as is also his wife, who survived him about ten years and died in 1892.

John Gross passed his youth and young manhood largely in the discharge of the strenuous duties of pioneer life, for when he moved with his parents to Union township the ancient trees of the primeval forest stood thick upon the soil. He assisted his father in clearing the wild land, and later in sowing, tilling, and reaping with the implements then in use, but which have since been replaced with modern labor-saving machinery. He received a fair education in the public schools of that day, attending school in a log building erected for that purpose, and furnished in the most primitive manner with seats that were merely long, rough benches, consisting of puncheon slabs having holes bored in the corners in which the supporting legs were inserted. The old log schoolhouse still stands, a reminder of other days, and may be seen on the farm of Mrs. Hausencleaver.

When he was seventeen years of age Mr. Gross went to Burlington, and became an apprentice to the firm of Bennett & France for the purpose of learning the trade of blacksmithing. He served an apprenticeship of three years, receiving for his work the first year \$50, the second \$75, and the third \$100, together with his board. He then secured work as a journeyman in Burlington, and was employed there until 1879, when he came to Augusta. In the years 1882 and 1883 he worked at Kossuth, but at the end of that time he returned to Augusta, and here he established a business of his own, which he has ever since conducted with gratifying success. About 1889, in addition to the smithshop, he added a woodworking department, which he has since maintained, and he has also dealt in farming implements to some extent.

In Burlington, Iowa, on April 28, 1872, Mr. Gross wedded Miss Anna Wiltz, of that place, a native of Peoria, Ill., and a daughter of Adam and Kathrina Wiltz. To them have been born four sons and four daughters, as follows: Benjamin, who died at the age of three years; John, who died when five years of age; one child which died in infancy; Emma, wife of Dr. Frank P. Hanaphy, and mother of two sons; Ida, who married Bert Buxton, of Augusta, and has five children; Anna, who married Frank Cooper, of Burlington, and has one son; and Paul, who married Miss Cora Peterson, and now resides in Burlington, where he is employed as a machinist in the Murray Iron Works. Mr. Gross has many friends, and is well known. He is a consistent supporter of the great Republican party, having cast his first ballot for Gen. Ulysses S. Grant

for president in 1872, but has never sought public office for himself nor been a candidate for public honors of any sort.

GEORGE W. DEARLOVE.

A NATIVE of Des Moines county, Mr. Dearlove was born in the city of Burlington, April 7, 1865, the son of Richard and Agnace (Barnes) Dearlove, who were both of English birth. The father came from England to the United States in early manhood, and located first in Illinois, where he farmed for some time. Later he came to Burlington, and eventually settled in Benton township. Here he purchased the farm of fifty-six acres on which our subject now resides, and here he lived till the time of his death, which occurred when he had reached the ripe old age of eighty-four years. In the meantime he had brought the farm under cultivation, and put on all the improvements, doing much to advance the interests of the entire community, as well as to make a comfortable home for his family.

The mother of our subject, also a native of England, died some eighteen years prior to the decease of her husband, and they both lie buried in Benton township.

Mr. Dearlove, the subject of this review, was one of a family of seven children, the third in point of birth. Four of these are still living, as follows: George W.; Mary, who is the wife of John Tee, a farmer owning eighty acres of land in Benton township; Harriet, the widow of Samuel Rutter, late of Kingston, Iowa, and a complete sketch of whose life is given elsewhere in this volume; and

Cora, wife of Jerry Sullivan, whose home is in Burlington.

George W. Dearlove received his education in the schools of Kingston, Benton township, where his parents had moved from Burlington while he was only a mere child. While he was receiving his schooling, he was also learning all the minutiae of farm work, and as he grew to manhood he remained upon the home farm, and took charge of it for his father. Afterward he purchased the place, and has made it his home ever since.

On Jan. 24, 1902, Mr. Dearlove was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Brown, daughter of Joseph and Hannah (Mehaffy) Brown. Mrs. Dearlove is a native of Morning Sun, Louisa county, Iowa. Her father and mother are both still living, making their home in Louisa county, where the father is a prosperous farmer. Mrs. Dearlove was the oldest of four children, the others who are still at home being Lena, John, and Joseph.

To Mr. and Mrs. Dearlove have been born two children, both born on the home place: Laura, born Dec. 6, 1903; and Martha, born Feb. 4, 1905.

Mr. Dearlove has never neglected the duties of citizenship, and while he does not consider it within his proper province to seek public office, he is a consistent member of the Democratic party, and gives to that organization his unfailing support in all matters of importance. In religious matters, Mr. Dearlove was reared in the Episcopal church, his parents being loyal members and supporters of the church in Burlington, and bringing him up with a reverence for its devout ceremonial.

CHARLES BEERE.

WHEN Iowa seemed to be just entering upon its era of development and substantial progress, Charles Beere, now deceased, became a resident of Des Moines county, and for many years thereafter was connected with farming interests here. He was a native of England, born in Oxford, March 3, 1818, and was a son of William Beere. The first years of his life were spent in the land of his nativity, and then, anxious to enjoy the better business privileges of the United States, he secured passage on a sailing vessel, which in 1838 dropped anchor in the harbor of New York. He then landed on the shores of the New World, and in the Eastern metropolis he worked at the cabinet-maker's trade, which he had previously learned in the mother country. He was thus employed in New York city for some years, during which time he purchased real estate in Kings county on Long Island.

Dec. 2, 1844, Mr. Beere was united in marriage to Miss Annie Ruthven, who was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, Aug. 27, 1820, and came to New York in 1838 with a sister, her parents having died when she was a child. Two years after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Beere came to Iowa, arriving in Des Moines county in 1846, at which time they took up their abode in Franklin township, where Theodore Beckman now resides. Mr. Beere purchased eighty acres of cleared land and forty acres of timber, and built thereon a house and other buildings. For many years he resided on that farm, his labors making a great change in its appearance as he carefully tilled the soil and cultivated his crops. At length, however, he sold out to Theodore Beckman, and purchased land on Section 30, of the same

township. To the original tract of one hundred and twenty acres he added until his widow is now the possessor of one hundred and thirty acres of arable land and fifty acres of timber land.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Beere were born ten children: Margaret, who became the wife of William Manning, and died in 1901, at the age of fifty-nine years; John, residing in Yellow Springs township; Elizabeth, the wife of John B. Kline, of this county; Amos, also of this county; Joseph, died at the age of fourteen years; Mary, the wife of Alonzo Nealey; Jessie, the wife of Frank Nealey, a brother of her sister's husband, both residing in the State of Washington; William, who retains his residence in this county; Lynn, a farmer in California; and Henry, who is living in Marysville, Cal.

The death of Mr. Beere occurred April 14, 1868, after a residence of twenty-two years in this county. His worth was acknowledged by all who knew him, for in his business dealings he was straightforward and honorable, was reliable in friendship, and was devoted to the welfare of his wife and children. He worked earnestly and persistently in the acquirement of a competence, and left to his widow a good property. She has since remained upon the old homestead; and the land having increased in value, she is now in possession of an excellent farm. She is one of the worthy pioneer women of the county, having for almost sixty years been a witness of the transformation that has taken place and the changes that have been wrought as a sturdy class of pioneer settlers have reclaimed this region for the purposes of civilization, developing its wild lands into fertile farms, while the county has become settled by a prosperous people.

CHRISTIAN J. WISCHMEIER.

CHRISTIAN J. WISCHMEIER, who carries on general farming, and is also well known as a stock-raiser, making a specialty of Hereford cattle and Poland China hogs, was born on Section 3, Flint River township, Nov. 27, 1873, his parents being Henry and Mary (Boesch) Wischmeier, the former a native of Germany, while the latter was born in America. The father came to the New World on a sailing vessel, landing at New Orleans, whence he proceeded up the Mississippi River by steamer to Burlington. He accompanied his parents on this trip, and they settled on Section 3, Flint River township, where the grandfather of our subject secured a farm of seventy acres. After the marriage of Henry Wischmeier, he purchased one hundred and nine acres of land adjoining the old homestead farm, and for many years thereafter gave his time and attention to its cultivation and improvement, making his home thereon until 1899, when he removed to Creston, Iowa. There he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land, but afterward sold it, and a year later returned to West Burlington, where he purchased forty acres of land from Henry Pieff, constituting a farm upon which he and his wife now reside.

Christian J. Wischmeier, the youngest of three sons, resided with his parents until his marriage, his time being divided between school work and the labors of the fields. He acquired practical training in both, and after his marriage he purchased the old home place from his father. He has since given his attention to general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising, and is meeting with fair success in his undertakings. He raises Hereford cattle, having about twenty

head on his farm at the present time; also twenty head of Poland China hogs.

Feb. 21, 1900, Mr. Wischmeier was married to Miss Mary Reif, a native of Franklin township, and a daughter of William and Catherine (Wagner) Reif. Mr. Reif was born May 26, 1853, in Franklin township, Des Moines county, on the farm where he still resides; and Mrs. Reif was born at Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, Jan. 16, 1854.

Mrs. Wischmeier is the eldest in a family of two daughters and two sons, and she made her home with her parents until her marriage. Two children grace this marriage: Pearl Mary, born Dec. 16, 1900; and Margo Catherine, born Nov. 4, 1904. Mr. Wischmeier belongs to the Evangelical church, while his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He gives his political support to the men and measures of the Republican party.

ANTON KORF.

ANTON KORF, of Franklin township, is a native of Germany, his birth having occurred in Prussia, Jan. 1, 1838. He was sixteen years of age when he came to the United States, landing at New Orleans, whence he made his way direct to Burlington, Iowa. After a short period spent in that city, he came to Franklin township, Des Moines county, where he at first worked by the day as a farm hand. He was employed in that way until about twenty years of age, when he purchased a farm of forty acres in Franklin township, and began its cultivation and improvement. He built a home, placed the fields under cultivation, and continued to

carry on the work of the farm there for twenty years, when he sold that property, and after owning other property, he purchased his present home place of eighty acres in Franklin township, all of which is now under a high state of cultivation. He erected a large and substantial frame dwelling, put on other improvements, and now has a model farm. He has always carried on general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising, and his work is proving profitable, his labors returning to him an excellent income. When he came to America he was employed at twenty-five cents a day, and afterward was paid seven dollars per month, and from this humble beginning he has worked his way steadily upward until he is now one of the substantial agriculturists of his community.

Mr. Korf was married, when twenty-seven years of age, to Mary Ann Nyhart, who was born and educated in Pennsylvania. Her father, Adam Nyhart, was a native of Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, and became one of the pioneer residents of Des Moines county, following farming throughout the remainder of his active business career in Franklin township. He was the owner of three hundred acres of valuable land at the time of his death, which occurred when he was ninety-seven years of age. His remains were interred in a cemetery in Franklin township.

Mr. and Mrs. Korf have become the parents of seven children: Emma, the wife of Henry Riepe, of Franklin township, by whom she has three children: Henry, a resident farmer of Franklin township, where he owns and operates two hundred and fifty acres of land, and who married Ida Wassom; William, a farmer of Union county, Iowa, who mar-

ried Alice Stivers, and has four children: Edward, who owns and conducts a farm of eighty acres in Yellow Springs township, west of Mediapolis, and married Bertha Thomas, by whom he has one child; Silas, a farmer of Henry county, Iowa, who wedded Caroline Feltman, and has two sons, the first-born, a daughter, dying at age of one week; and Sarah, who died at the age of fifteen years.

Mr. Korf votes with the Republican party. He was a member of the German Lutheran church, but is now a Presbyterian. He belongs to that class of representative citizens who uphold the political and legal status of the county, and co-operate in measures for its material, intellectual and moral welfare. His life, too, proves what can be accomplished by young men of foreign birth who have the determination and energy which are the basis of success, and who achieve prosperity in a land where effort is not hampered by caste or class.

JOHN HARPER.

JOHN HARPER is now living a retired life in Mediapolis, but for many years was actively and successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits. He has passed the eighty-third milestone on life's journey, and his has been an active, useful, and honorable career, so that he is now accorded the veneration and respect which should ever be given to those who have advanced far on the journey of life, and whose conduct has ever been in harmony with upright principles.

His birth occurred in Ross county, Ohio,

Sept. 7, 1821, his parents being Joab and Lydia (Jones) Harper. He obtained his education in the old subscription schools common in his boyhood days, but his aggregate schooling did not cover more than fifteen months. However, he made the best of his opportunities, and by reading and investigation in his leisure hours, qualified himself for teaching, which profession he followed with success for several seasons. In 1846 he came to Burlington, where he taught for two years, this being a private school. After the first year, his school got so large that he had to get his brother, Hon. Wm. Harper, to assist him.

In 1848 he took up his abode upon a farm which he purchased in Section 24, Yellow Springs township, comprising one hundred and twenty acres of land. Later he sold that property, and bought another tract north of the village of Northfield, but on account of losing hundreds of hogs with cholera and a lot of cattle with an unknown disease, he was financially crippled to a considerable extent. In war times he also lost a car-load of fat hogs worth twelve dollars per hundred, and this was a great financial blow to him; but he persevered, and for fifty-three years carried on general farming, and was also known as an extensive dealer in cattle. His shipments were made to various parts of the country, and his farming operations were carried on in harmony with most modern ideas of progress and improvement. Although difficulties and obstacles beset him in earlier years, he persevered, and with strong purpose and resolute will overcame the disadvantages and hardships under which he labored. In this way he acquired a handsome competence, and at length he sold his farm in order to educate his children.

To this end he bought seven and one-half acres of land in Mediapolis, and removed to the town, in which he now has a pleasant home. Here his children were given good educational privileges.

Mr. Harper was first married Jan. 12, 1847, the lady of his choice being Miss Emily Harper, a daughter of John and Delilah (Hughes) Harper. They became the parents of eight children: Josephine, the wife of William McClure, a resident of Winona, Minn.; Lydia Jane, who died at the age of nine months; Laura Lavinia, the wife of Zack Stahl, a resident of Dayton, Wash.; Eliza Jane, the wife of Frank Ware, who is living in Nebraska; Elizabeth Hughes, the wife of J. Q. Roberts, of Mediapolis; Anna Virginia, the wife of Oscar Rutherford, of Pueblo, Colo.; Jessie Fremont, who became the wife of Fred Heizer, and is living in Sioux City, Iowa; and John Harlem, who married a Miss Harding, and resides in Hutchinson, Kans.

Following the loss of his first wife, Mr. Harper married again, his second union being with Rebecca Heizer, a daughter of Fred and Margaret (Wilgus) Heizer.

There was one child by this marriage, Harry Heizer, who is now living in Leadville, Colo.

Mr. Harper also lost his second wife in death, and later married Amanda Torode, a daughter of Peter and Catherine (Brown) Torode. There are ten children by this marriage: Mary Amanda, the wife of John Garland, a resident of Harrisburg, Pa.; Kate, who is a very capable and successful dressmaker, of Mediapolis; Edna Leona, a trained nurse, of Scranton, Pa.; Charles, who was a soldier of the Spanish-American War, and is now living at home; Robert Hall, a resident of Council Bluffs,

Iowa; William Franklin, who is studying pharmacy with his brother-in-law in Harrisburg, Pa.; Lillie, Edith, Louie, and Marjorie, all at home.

Mr. Harper has been solicited to accept many township and county offices, but has refused to become a candidate for political preferment. He is, however, never remiss in the duties of citizenship, but gives an active support to all measures for the general good, and has been a co-operative factor in many movements which have contributed in large measure to the upbuilding and progress of the county. He holds membership in the Presbyterian church, and there has been naught in his life at variance with his professions. He has been found reliable in business, honorable at all times, and in social relations is a faithful friend and a devoted husband and father.

FRANK ESAU.

FRANK ESAU, a retired business man of Burlington, was born at Corbach, Westphalia, Germany, Sept. 15, 1846. His paternal grandfather was a physician and surgeon of the Prussian army. His father, Carl Esau, also a native of Germany, became a physician, pursuing his education in Marburg, and later was private medical attendant to the Furst of Waldeck. He married Louisa Rube, his death occurring when his son Frank was only four years of age. The mother, long surviving him, passed away in Germany about 1894. Frank Esau had three brothers and one sister, and two of the brothers are yet living: Adolph, who is a high official in the Lutheran church of Germany; and Rein-

hardt, a farmer of Des Moines county. One brother, Carl, was a professor in the University of Heidelberg.

Frank Esau began his education in the common schools and afterward attended a gymnasium or high school. He learned to speak, read, and write the German, English, and French languages while attending the gymnasium, and he was afterward for several years inspector in a sugar factory in the province of Saxony. He came to the United States in 1872, on the steamer "Herman," which weighed anchor in the harbor of Bremen and reached the port of New York after a voyage of nine days.

He did not tarry in the Eastern metropolis, however, but came at once to Burlington, where his brother Reinhardt was living. Here Mr. Esau entered upon his business career as a clerk in a confectionery and wholesale grocery house, known by the firm name of Starker & Company, with whom he was connected for two years. He was then variously engaged in business until 1888, when he became a wholesale liquor dealer, continuing in that line until 1898, with excellent success, after which he sold out his business and retired. He was located on Valley and Washington Streets and had a large patronage, employing a traveling salesman. He has been entirely retired from the active world of trade for six years.

Mr. Esau was married in 1875 in Burlington to Miss Louisa M. Runge, who was born of German parentage in this city. Her father, Edward Runge, is now living retired in Burlington. He was at one time a confectioner, and was one of the earliest residents of Burlington, arriving here in his childhood days, in 1835. Here he learned the confectionery business, subse-

quently established an enterprise of his own of that character, and after successfully conducting the business for a number of years, he retired.

Mr. and Mrs. Esau now have three children: Etta, who is assistant principal of one of the public schools of Burlington, is a graduate of the high schools here. She began teaching when seventeen years of age, and two years later was made assistant principal. Charles is traveling agent for the Burlington Vinegar & Pickle Works, and resides with his father. Frank R. is book-keeper at Blaul's Wholesale Grocery House. The family home, at the corner of Seventh and Iowa Streets, was erected by Mr. Esau in 1876.

Mr. Esau has been a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity, and also held membership relations with the Knights of Honor and the National Union. He is a member of the German Lutheran church, being reared in that faith. In politics he is a Democrat. His career has been notably successful from the fact that he had little capital when he crossed the Atlantic to the New World and is to-day the possessor of a handsome competence that was won through keen foresight, capable business management, and close application.

GUSTAF HERMAN BERGSTEN.

GUSTAF HERMAN BERGSTEN, a farmer and stock-raiser of Franklin township, is a son of Peter and Carrie (Ekman) Bergsten, and was born in the southwestern part of Sweden, Aug. 25, 1843. His father was a farmer by occupation, and the son spent his early youth upon the farm. He acquired

his education in the schools of his native country, and when sixteen years of age he began to learn the trades of saddlemaking and shoemaking, which pursuits he followed almost continuously until 1883. He came to America in 1871, and on the 1st of May arrived in Keokuk, Iowa, where he had friends living. He remained there for a short time, working on the canal, and later was employed on the construction train. Subsequently he secured work at his trade in Kinderhook, Pike county, Ill. There he followed shoemaking for ten months, after which he came to Burlington, and three weeks later he bought an outfit, with which he came to Sperry and opened a shop of his own. There he carried on shoemaking for fifteen years, doing a successful business, as shoemaking at that time was quite a profitable industry. He also built up the hotel property there, and later traded his town property for forty acres of his present farm. He then took up his abode upon the farm which he had purchased from Mr. Gillette in 1876—a tract of forty acres on Section 12, Franklin township. Two years later he bought twenty-nine acres from William Hill on the same section, and in 1888 purchased twenty-six acres of William Dean, so that he now has ninety-five acres, constituting a good farm. He carries on general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising, and is quite successful in both branches of his business. He raises about thirty-five head of Poland China hogs from his older stock annually, and is one of the successful breeders of this vicinity. He also raises about five head of young cattle each year. In all of his work he is practical and thoroughly reliable, and his industry and integrity have been the salient features in his prosperity.

On March 3, 1873, Mr. Bergsten was married to Miss Anna M. Peterson, a daughter of Anders Peter and Gustava Shelin Anderson. She was born in Sweden, Aug. 19, 1843, and came to America in 1869. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Bergsten have been born three children: Ellen Aurora, the wife of Victor R. Lugn, of Huron township, and has one son, Alvin; Adolph Leonard, a farmer living in Henry county, Iowa, married Alma McKenzie, and has two children, Elvin and Clio; and Arthur Edwin, at present at Abingdon, Ill., in a wagon factory.

The parents are members of the Swedish Lutheran church. Politically, Mr. Bergsten is a Democrat. He was justice of the peace for sixteen years, and for most of the time was the only justice in the township. At his last election he declined to serve again. He has ever discharged his duties with promptness and fidelity, and no public trust reposed in him has ever been betrayed in the slightest degree. He is truly a self-made man, having worked his way upward from a very humble financial position until he is now classed with the substantial agriculturists of his community.

CHARLES H. NELSON.

WELL known to the people of Burlington is Charles H. Nelson, ex-marshal of the city, and at present engaged in the cigar manufacturing business at the corner of Sixth and Jefferson Streets. Mr. Nelson is a native of Copenhagen, Denmark, where he was born Aug. 10, 1842. There he received his education in the common schools, which he attended until the time of his confirmation. He then, in 1856, took a position as apprentice on a sailing vessel bound for

New York, and on reaching port and going on shore, was so pleased with New York that he forgot to return to his ship in time for the voyage home. He then took service in the West Indies trade, visiting Jamaica, St. Thomas, and the other islands with ships carrying merchandise and bringing back sugar and molasses. For fifteen years he followed the sea, his principal voyages being to Australia, China, and the Philippine Islands, and has had the ill fortune to be shipwrecked three times in one year, each time losing his ship. The first of these accidents occurred on the Dover Bank in the English Channel in 1865, when he was under the English flag. He then shipped in an American vessel, the "William Tell," for Seaman's Bay, South Africa, touching at Pernambuco, and on the outward voyage he had the opportunity to see the least attractive side of ocean life, as both the captain and the second mate were murdered by one of the crew, in revenge for the killing of a sailor, prior to that time, by the mate. Cape Town was made in safety, where he shipped on another boat, but just as the vessel was leaving the harbor she was overwhelmed by a hurricane, and was wrecked and lost. On Jan. 19, 1866, Mr. Nelson, after another voyage to South Africa with a cargo of coffee, was wrecked southwest of Cape Town, and while the ship was lost, he with six others escaped to shore, and started to walk overland to Cape Town. In order to reach their destination, however, it was necessary to traverse the Kalahari Desert, in which there had been no rainfall for a period of eighteen months, and in these dire circumstances the journey was one of the utmost hardship, only two of the party of six reaching the Cape, these being Mr. Nelson and a Frenchman. The remainder died of

thirst, hunger, and privation. The trip required seven weeks, the castaways living on hardtack and cheese, which they had obtained at a little village where they landed, and during this time they passed the carcasses of many wild animals that had perished from thirst, while Mr. Nelson paid as much as a shilling to natives for a single drink of water, and would, of course, have been willing to pay as much more, if it had been possible to buy it. Arrived at Cape Town, he shipped in the first vessel to America, and has never visited Africa nor Asia since, although he did not forsake the sea until 1869. In the latter years of his nautical experience he became second mate, and then first mate, at one time having sole charge of navigating the ship on which he then was from Para to New York. Still further advancement awaited him, for he was offered a master's or captain's position, but he refused, and taking up his residence in the city of New York, he became a ship carpenter. Later he accepted a foremanship in the United States arsenal on Governor's Island, in New York harbor—a position whose duties he discharged until 1872. In that year he removed to the West, arriving in Burlington on April 4, and here for two years he was employed as a carpenter for the Burlington & Missouri Railroad Company. He then inaugurated an independent enterprise, entering the restaurant and hotel business, but the general panic which overtook all business shortly afterward rendered it impossible to continue. In 1876 he received appointment from Mayor Parsons as a member of the police force, on which he served until 1882, when he became deputy marshal, and during the following seven years performed such efficient service in that capacity that in 1889 he was elected

marshal of the city of Burlington, in which office re-election prolonged his tenure until 1895, at which time he purchased the manufacturing business in which he is now engaged.

In 1869 our subject was united in marriage to Miss Sophia Schafer, who is a native of Germany, and to them has been born one daughter, now the wife of Samuel Hunneke. Mr. Nelson is an influential member of the local Democratic party, of which he has always been a supporter, and in recognition of his services to the party has a number of times received at its hands election to the office of township trustee, which he has held continuously for five or six years. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Masonic Order, and has for thirty-one years been a member of Excelsior Lodge, No. 268, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while in his social connection he is a member of the Burlington Turners' Society, and the German Military Society of Burlington. He has been quite successful in his last business venture, and is widely known among the people of Burlington, by whom his name is honored for his official record, which was in the highest degree creditable, and for the admirable personal characteristics which distinguish him.

JOHN A. SCHRÖDER.

JOHN A. SCHRÖDER, a representative of the younger element in business, and now engaged in the conduct of a large general merchandise business at Augusta, Des Moines county, Iowa, was born in the city of Burlington, Iowa, July 6, 1874, eldest of the three children of Johan A. and Bertha

(Schröder) Schröder, a full account of whose lives will be found elsewhere in this volume of history. When two years of age he removed with his parents to Augusta, where his father started in business with Mr. Lofft, and in this place he grew to manhood, attending the public schools. In addition to his school work he was assistant to his father in the store, having begun to bear a share of its duties at such an early age that he does not remember the actual date.

Ambitious for self-advancement, Mr. Schröder, when he was eighteen years of age, matriculated in Elliott's Business College at Burlington, and attended that institution for three months. His father having died, however, and the conduct of the store devolving upon his mother, she found that she could not do without his help, nor spare the necessary funds for his college course. He therefore reluctantly abandoned his education, and returning to Augusta acted as clerk for his mother for a number of years, or until February, 1900, when he purchased the store. In Washington township, Lee county, Iowa, on Nov. 15, 1900, he wedded Miss Alice Eoff, who was born in that township, a daughter of W. S. and Rebecca A. (Lauther) Eoff.

Mr. Schröder has greatly increased the volume of his business since purchasing the store in 1900, as well as the size of the stock, and now carries a very large and remarkably complete stock, while his patronage is growing rapidly. He is an extensive buyer of farm produce in this section, and keeps a wagon on the road hauling the local output to Burlington, while freight is transported on the return trip.

Born and reared a Democrat, Mr. Schröder has always remained faithful to his early

allegiance, and has often served his party in important conventions as delegate from his home community. He has never sought public honors, but at one time his friends bestowed upon him the nomination for a township office. This was expressly contrary to his own wish, however, and he made no effort to secure election. His fraternal relations connect him with the Danville Lodge of the Masonic order, and Green Bay Camp, No. 4637, Modern Woodmen of America, of Wever, he having transferred his membership to the latter from Newman Camp, No. 4442, of which he was a charter member, and in which he occupied the office of clerk. In a business way he has at all times enjoyed pronounced success, being well grounded in business principles and practice through long experience, and also being possessed of a natural ability which seems destined to win him still greater reward in the future. He enjoys the regard and confidence of his community in the highest degree, and those who have known him longest are among his warmest admirers and well-wishers.

JOHN A. SCHRÖDER.

JOHN A. SCHRÖDER, now deceased, who was long a prominent resident of Augusta, Des Moines county, Iowa, and was numbered among the best-known and most successful business men of this section, was born in Oldenburg, Germany, July 4, 1849, a son of Adolph and Sophia Schröder. He received a good education, and as a boy began to learn the mercantile business, but becoming dissatisfied with the restricted opportunities of his native land, he decided to come to Amer-

ica, and made the trip soon after completing his twenty-first year, locating first in Illinois, where he became a clerk in a grocery store, and also managing the boarding-house which was operated in connection with the store.

On the way across the Atlantic, Mr. Schröder met and became slightly acquainted with Miss Bertha Schröder, and when they separated, she going to live in Wisconsin, he solicited the privilege of beginning a correspondence—a request which was refused. He nevertheless wrote to her, but she did not reply. The second year after their arrival in this country the father of Mr. Schröder also came to America, and on his buying a farm at Bloomfield, our subject left Illinois and joined him at that place. At about the same time Miss Schröder left Wisconsin and went to make her home with the family of Lawyer Carruthers at Bloomfield, and there the acquaintance was renewed, with the result that within a year they celebrated their marriage. Mrs. Schröder was born in the Province of Schufelbein, Prussia, a daughter of Ferdinand and Albertina (Rotka) Schröder. Her mother died when she was but eight years of age, and she came to America in 1868, the voyage being made in a sailing vessel and occupying six weeks and three days. Mr. and Mrs. Schröder became the parents of four children, one of whom died in infancy and the others being as follows: John A., successor of our subject in the conduct of the large and growing business at Augusta, and to whom a separate chapter of this work is devoted; Bertha, who married Douglas Murphy, of Union township, and has one son, Millard; and Otto, born Aug. 20, 1883.

Soon after his marriage Mr. Schröder removed to Burlington, becoming a clerk in a flour store, and later being promoted to the position of bookkeeper for the same firm. After a residence of three years in that city he decided to make an independent venture, and selecting Augusta as a promising location, he began business here with a general stock of merchandise of modest proportions. This he gradually built up, for he was a man of strong executive ability and the highest personal integrity, and success came to him readily. He was engaged in business here for a period of about twelve or thirteen years, and during that time he invested large sums of money in enlarging the scope of his operations and in permanent improvements, thus by his public spirit earning the gratitude of his fellow-citizens and of all who felt or still feel a worthy interest in the progress and upbuilding of the community.

His political faith was that of the Democracy, and he wielded a very potent influence in the counsels of the party, while the confidence reposed in him by the public is evidenced by the fact that he was twice elected to the office of township clerk for Augusta township. Fraternally, he was identified with the Augusta Lodge of the Masonic order, and served as its secretary, while his religious affiliation was perhaps determined by the circumstance of his being born and reared in the Lutheran church, in whose doctrines he was a believer and according to whose tenets he shaped his life. He died in the year 1888, and is buried in Augusta cemetery. His influence was always exerted on the side of right and justice; and although he was

possessed of practical business talents that made him highly efficient in material affairs, the human side of his character was fully developed, and many valued him as a true and loyal friend. His name is entitled to a place on the rolls of local history, and by all those who were acquainted with the measure of his worth he is accorded credit for his work here, and will long be held in remembrance.

JOHN RAMSEY STEWART.

JOHN RAMSEY STEWART, the owner of a splendidly improved farm in Yellow Springs township, was born in Butler county, Ohio, March 27, 1851, his parents being Rollin Harris and Eleanor C. (Swan) Stewart. They came to Des Moines county, Iowa, when their son was only six weeks old, and he was reared to farm life, early becoming familiar with the work of the fields and the best methods of caring for the stock.

The occupation to which he was reared he determined to make the source of his maintenance and income, and after reaching his majority he purchased one hundred and five acres of land in Section 5, Yellow Springs township, whereon he has since made his home.

In addition to the production of the cereals best adapted to the soil and climate, he also raises about seven head of cattle each year, and thirty head of hogs. All of the improvements were made by the family, the barn being erected in 1875; while in 1902, Mr. Stewart erected his present attractive and commodious residence. The greater part of the land has

been cleared, and is now under a high state of cultivation, the farm forming one of the attractive features of the landscape.

Sept. 17, 1874, Mr. Stewart was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Ryker, a daughter of John and Ann (Mitchell) Ryker. Six children have been born unto them: Clara, who is the wife of C. Elledge, and has two children, Forrest McKinley and Edwin; Earnest M., Eleanor Pearl, Frank Wallace, Stella, and Russell Vernon, all at home, the last named being now eleven years of age.

In his political views Mr. Stewart is a Republican, and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, but has no desire for public office. He belongs to the Presbyterian church, and the motive forces in his life are in harmony with his profession, constituting him a man of genuine worth, as well as a successful representative of agricultural interests.

PEARL ALFRED MOYERS.

THE fact that many of her native sons have retained their residence in Des Moines county after attaining adult age, is proof of the attractiveness of this section of the State, and of the advantages, natural and otherwise, which it offers to its citizens. Mr. Moyers has always lived here, his birth having occurred in Franklin township, Dec. 12, 1875. His parents were George W. and Rebecca (Pence) Moyers. During the boyhood days of their son they removed to Kansas, where he attended the district schools for four years, and later was a student in the district schools of Louisa county. He also attended school in Yellow

Springs township, and was reared to farm life, his father following agricultural pursuits. He, too, was born in Des Moines county, and is now living in Louisa county. He trained his son in the practical work of the farm, so that he became familiar with the best methods of plowing, planting, and harvesting, and throughout his entire life he has continued to devote his energies to agricultural pursuits. In 1899 he purchased his present farm from Richard Orr, becoming owner of ninety-five acres situated on Section 2, Yellow Springs township. It is a well-improved property, and Mr. Moyers is continually laboring to make the land more productive and his farm of greater value. He has laid some tiling, has erected some sheds, has dug a well, and now has a good wind-pump. In addition to the tilling of the soil he raises stock, and now has upon his place twelve head of cattle, six or eight hogs, six horses, and two colts.

On March 6, 1898, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Moyers and Miss Jessie M. Swan, a daughter of George L. and Jennie (Gregory) Swan. Mrs. Moyers was born in Louisa county, Iowa, and by her marriage has become the mother of three children: Earl, Lloyd, and Lottie, whose presence adds much to the real home life. The parents hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, and are well known in this part of the State, where they have long resided. There have been no exciting chapters in the history of Mr. Moyers, but he is a man who is found true to his duties of public and private life, and in all trade transactions is reliable and enterprising. The success that he has achieved is due to his own efforts, and he is now accounted one of the substantial young farmers of Yellow Springs township.

CHARLES M. LUNDEEN.

CHARLES M. LUNDEEN, living in the enjoyment of well-earned ease, after long active, and successful connection with agricultural interests, now makes his home in Kossuth. He was born in Esteryetland, Sweden, Sept. 23, 1841, his parents being Mangus and Bertha (Anderson) Lundeen. In the place of his nativity he began his education in the public schools, but his opportunities in that direction were limited, his services being needed upon his father's farm, which he assisted to cultivate and improve until fifteen years of age, when he started out to earn his own livelihood by working as a farm hand. He acted in that capacity until 1870, when, thinking that he might enjoy better business privileges and opportunities in the New World, he sailed for the United States.

Making his way to Burlington, he obtained a position in the lumber yard of the Rand Lumber Company, and later was employed in the stone quarry. He worked in the city for a little more than three years, and in September, 1873, he secured work on a farm, being thus employed for the following year. He next went to Louisa county, where he remained for about two years, and on the expiration of that period he purchased ten acres of land on Section 6, Benton township, on which he erected a house and other buildings. That was the nucleus of his present landed possessions. He added to this property until the home farm comprised one hundred and fifty-seven and one-fourth acres, and he also had fifteen acres in Yellow Springs township. He continued to reside upon his farm until 1892, when he removed to Kossuth, where he has since practically lived retired. He still

retains the ownership of his farm, which is now rented to his son-in-law, Amil William Johnson. When Mr. Lundeen took possession of the place, there was a very small dwelling upon it, but he made additions and improvements thereto from time to time until it is one of the fine farm residences of the township. He also added all of the other improvements to the place, and he deserves much credit for what he accomplished in the way of developing one of the fine farming properties of the locality. His labors were so carefully directed, and his interests so judiciously managed, that he acquired a handsome competence that now enables him to live retired, and at the same time enjoy the comforts and many of the luxuries which go to make life worth the living.

On April 14, 1870, Mr. Lundeen was married to Miss Matilda Norrbone, a daughter of Peter and Sophia (Anderson) Norrbone. They have become the parents of the following children: Charles, a resident farmer of Benton township; Sophia, who died at the age of eight years; Emma, the wife of Amil W. Johnson; Peter Andrew, who is living in Galesburg, Ill.; Anna, a resident of Burlington; Maria, at home; Allen, who is also living in Burlington; Luther, who died at the age of twelve years; one who died in infancy; and Bertha, who died in Burlington Hospital, Aug. 24, 1901, when about twenty years of age.

Mr. Lundeen is a member of the Swedish Lutheran church, in the work of which he has taken an active and helpful part. He has served as deacon for twenty years, and is still the incumbent in that office, and his labors have been effective in promoting the growth and extending the influence of the party. Politically, he is a Republican, with strong belief in the principles of the party.

The Swedish citizenship of America is a recognized element of value in the nation, for the sons of Sweden who have come to America have usually been found reliable, industrious, and honest; and, taking advantage of the opportunities of the New World, have not only won individual success, but have also contributed to the development and upbuilding of the localities in which they have resided. Mr. Lundeen is a representative of this class of citizenship, and is respected and esteemed in the county where he has now long made his home.

ROBERT GIBSON REED.

ROBERT GIBSON REED, a representative of the farming interests of Des Moines county, is the owner of a very well-improved farm, and gives to the management of this place the qualities which are always essential in the cultivation of land and the raising of stock. He is ever watchful of opportunities, industrious, and persevering, and to these characteristics he owes his present prosperity. His birth occurred in Guernsey county, Ohio, Oct. 23, 1852. His parents were Matthew and Mary (Walkinshaw) Reed, who came to Iowa when their son Robert was only two and a half years old.

They lived for about a year on what is known as the Curran farm, in Louisa county, west of Morning Sun, and afterward came to Yellow Springs township, settling on a farm which is now owned by his mother. The father improved this place, transforming a tract of raw prairie land into rich fields, making it one of the best farms of the township. The place

comprises one hundred and sixty acres, and is situated on Section 9. The family endured many of the hardships and difficulties incident to frontier life, and all of the arduous task of developing a new farm devolved upon the father and the sons.

Robert G. Reed, spending his boyhood days under the parental roof, was educated in the district schools of his township. He was reared to farm life, taking his place behind the plow when a young lad, and working in the fields from the time of early spring planting until the crops were harvested in the late autumn. Throughout his entire life he has carried on agricultural pursuits, first as his father's assistant, and later on his own account.

In 1873 he purchased eighty acres of land from S. E. McElhinney, and afterward bought forty acres of G. McElhinney. He has placed all of the improvements upon his property, including a modern residence, which was built in 1900. The barn was erected in 1890, and is a structure thirty-four by fifty feet. He has also put up a modern wind-pump, and other farm equipments and buildings. Everything is kept in good repair, and the place is divided into fields of convenient size by well-kept fences. Mr. Reed raises about one hundred head of Poland China, Chester White, and Berkshire hogs, and he also raises some horses. He is an excellent judge of stock, and his labors as a stock-raiser are attended with gratifying success.

Mr. Reed was married Feb. 22, 1882, to Miss Elizabeth Baird, a daughter of John and Catherine (McElhinney) Baird. They have two children, Catherine Retta



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and Mary Viletta, twins, who were born Feb. 19, 1891, but the latter died when only seven months old. The parents are members of the Reformed Presbyterian church, and are interested in its work, and in all progressive measures that tend to benefit the county along material, social, and moral lines.

JOHN M. CLINE.

JOHN M. CLINE, residing in Section 10, Augusta township, where he is engaged in farming and stock-raising on his farm of three hundred and twenty acres, was born on the section where he now resides, Nov. 17, 1848, a son of Wilson S. and Maria (Brown) Cline. The father was born near Liberty, Union county, Ind., Feb. 18, 1818, and was the son of John Cline, a farmer. The mother, who was a daughter of Peyton Brown, was also a native of Union county, Indiana, the date of her birth being Jan. 5, 1825, and their marriage was celebrated Jan. 5, 1843.

In the fall of 1842, Wilson S. Cline and his father made a trip to the West, and bought land here, although the elder Cline never removed to this State. Their purchase comprised three hundred and thirty acres of wild land, being a claim which they bought of a Mr. Eikenbury. Soon after their marriage, the parents of our subject, together with a party of other pioneers, left their Indiana home, and, driving across the country in wagons, reached and crossed the Mississippi River at Burlington on March 26, 1845, effecting a crossing on the ice. On the land which they had secured, a small log cabin was already standing, and in

this they lived for a year, at the end of which time, however, they built a three-room log house that afforded a degree of comparative comfort, and formed their place of residence until 1860. In the latter year a commodious two-story frame structure was erected, and this is still in use.

The subject of this review is one of a family of six children, as follows: Henry B.; Mary, who became the wife of Samuel Welch, and at present resides near Middletown, has two children; John M.; Lewis, who died at the age of seventeen years; Elvira, who married Dr. Henry Palmer, and lives at Fort Dodge, Iowa; and Wilson A., who married Miss Anna Shirley, and died at Omaha, Nebr., leaving one child. He is buried in Long Creek cemetery. The father of this family was a man of strong character and pronounced ability, and to him was accorded the respect and esteem of all who knew him. He was public spirited, and as a conscientious believer in the declared principles of the great Democratic party, never neglected his duty as a citizen, but he was not numbered among those who seek the adventitious distinction of public office. Of a strong religious nature, he was a believer in the teachings of the Presbyterian church, and assisted the congregation at Middletown in building its house of worship. He died Dec. 28, 1898, while his wife's demise preceded his own many years, occurring Feb. 14, 1887. It is to them and to such as they that the West owes its present wonderful development and unrivaled position among the most prosperous sections of the country and of the world; and for the hardships and deprivations to which they willingly submitted in order to achieve honorable independence, they deserve all credit.

John M. Cline passed his early years at

the parental home, meantime securing a good education in the district schools, and there he attained to years of maturity. On March 27, 1895, he wedded Miss Flora Miner, of West Point, Lee county, Iowa. Mrs. Cline was born in Union township, Des Moines county, a daughter of Nathan and Susan (Abbot) Miner. Since their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Cline have resided on the old home farm, and Mr. Cline has acquired very extensive holdings in real estate, first purchasing forty acres in the Skunk River bottoms in 1872, and afterward one hundred and twenty, and one hundred and sixty acres, successively, so that he now owns three hundred and twenty acres, all of which is classed as among the most valuable land in the county. The improvements are ample and all of the best.

Fraternally, he was made a Mason in Augusta Lodge, No. 7, of which he has served as senior warden. In his attitude toward partisan political questions he is one of that increasingly influential body known as independent. He has never cared for public office, preferring to devote his time to private business; but despite his protestations to that effect his fellow-citizens at one time elected him to the office of justice of the peace. He, however, declined the honor. In matters of business he has been distinctly successful, his ability commanding the general respect, and by his fairness and just dealing he has made many friends.

HENRY GREVE.

HENRY GREVE came to Flint River township, when a lad of fourteen years, and has been a respected and much-esteemed citi-

zen of the township for forty years, and well deserves mention in this review as one of the prominent farmers of the community. He is a son of Henry and Mary Greve, and was born in Westphalia, Germany, Nov. 17, 1851. When he was a babe, his parents came to America, and settled in Niagara county, New York, where they remained till 1865, when they came West and located in Des Moines county, Iowa. They at once bought a farm in Benton township, near Latty, Iowa, making many needed improvements on it, and there the aged father still resides. The mother of our subject died in February, 1905, at the ripe age of eighty-three years, seven months, and nine days. Lloyd Reipe, a nephew of Henry Greve, is now operating the old home farm.

Our subject began his education in the schools of Niagara county, New York, and completed the same in the schools of Benton township. For two years after leaving school he was engaged by the railroad in the roundhouse as fireman and general handy man. He was quite successful for a number of years in running a threshing machine, which he owned, in the neighborhood.

April 21, 1875, Mr. Greve became the husband of Miss Frederica Gardener, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Reipe) Gardener. Mrs. Greve was born in Westphalia, Germany, Nov. 11, 1855, and came to America with her parents, who located in Burlington, Iowa, in 1871. The father was a prominent farmer of the county, and died in 1865, aged fifty years, and the kind and loving mother in 1877, at the age of sixty-eight years.

Mr. and Mrs. Greve were the parents of seven children, of whom but three remain: Anna, born July 1, 1877, died July 31, of

the same year; Helena, born Nov. 25, 1878, died in August, 1884; Rosa born June 26, 1883, married Charles E. Johnson; Louisa, an infant, who died Aug. 5, 1886; Lawrence, born Oct. 2, 1885, died Aug. 5, 1901; Amelia, born Aug. 13, 1890; and Elsie, the baby, born May 13, 1895, both at home.

In 1901 Mr. Greve purchased seventy-three acres of fine farm land in the north-west corner of Flint River township, in Section 6, from the Henry Fogle heirs, and moved from the home farm in Benton township. He has a number of good horses and a lot of fine cattle, and his farm is well equipped with all the modern machinery and implements necessary to operate a farm.

He has always been a stalwart Republican, and constantly strong enough to decline any office his party might wish to confer upon him. He and his estimable wife are prominent and influential members of the German Lutheran church. He is an upright citizen, a good neighbor, a true friend, and a man of great activity and value in the community where he has lived for so long a time.

FREDERICK WILLIAM SWYGARD.

FREDERICK WILLIAM SWYGARD, although still retaining the ownership of the old home farm, is now living a retired life in Mediapolis. He was born in Württemberg, Germany, Aug. 11, 1833, and is a son of Simon Peter and Hannah (Schermeier) Swygard. He was only six years of age when brought to America by his parents, who crossed the Atlantic on one of the old-time sailing vessels, which was sixty-one days in making

that voyage. The family home was established in Baltimore, Md., and the next summer the parents removed to Frederick City, Md., where the father engaged in weaving, having previously learned that trade. He lived at Frederick City for about three years, and then removed to Washington county, Maryland, where he resided until 1848, when he made a journey in a freight wagon to Pittsburg, and thence down the Ohio and up the Mississippi Rivers to Burlington, accompanied by his family. They remained in Burlington until 1855, and then removed to Louisa county, where the father purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land. He at once began the cultivation and improvement of a farm, on which he continued to make his home until his death in the year 1858. He was long survived by his wife, who died Aug. 20, 1900, at the very advanced age of eighty-nine years, her birth having occurred Aug. 11, 1811. In their family were four children: Frederick William; William, deceased; John P., who has also passed away; and Benjamin, who died in Burlington in 1904. Following the death of her first husband the mother became the wife of Frederick Jacob Miller.

Mr. Swygard, of this review, accompanied his parents on their various removals, and with the family came to Iowa in 1848. He lived in Burlington with the family for several years, and then took up his abode on the old homestead farm; and when his father died, he purchased the interest of the other heirs in the property, and took possession of that farm, to which he afterward added a tract of forty acres. He made his home there until 1892, when he retired to private life, taking up his abode in Mediapolis, where he still resides. However, he retains the ownership of the old homestead,

which is just across the boundary line of Des Moines county, and for many years he was actively engaged in its improvement, development, and cultivation. All who visited the locality during that period and saw his well-tilled fields and good improvements, knew the owner to be a man of enterprise and activity in his business life. The neat and thrifty appearance of the place indicated his practical and progressive spirit. The only interruption to his business career was at the time of the Civil War.

Aug. 9, 1862, Mr. Swygard enlisted as a member of Company C, Thirtieth Iowa Infantry, with which he served until 1865, participating in all the battles and skirmishes of his regiment. Although often in the thickest of the fight, taking part in twenty-two different engagements, he was never wounded, but he made a creditable military record as a brave and fearless soldier, never faltering in his allegiance to the old flag and the cause it represented.

On Jan. 1, 1859, Mr. Swygard was married to Miss Helena Yugenheimer, a daughter of William and Susanna (Knippenberger) Yugenheimer. They became the parents of seven children: William Henry, born in Louisa county, Sept. 1, 1860, was married to Miss Marie Magdelene Berges, a daughter of John Henry and Anna Christina Louise (Voldorf) Berges. There are six children of this marriage: Frederick William Henry, who is living in Monmouth, Ill., where he is connected with the gas works; Minnie Louise; William Edwin; Carl John; John Peter Herman; and Viola Lucinda. John P. Swygard was the second of the family, and was a farmer by occupation. Anna Matilda is the wife of Henry Todd, and lives in Oklahoma. Charles F. married Carolina Hummel, of Peoria, Ill.,

and they have four children: Ida C., Herman S., Dorothy Lillian, and Lawrence E. James E. married Lula Kline, a daughter of John Kline, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this work. Mary Helena is the wife of Frank Nelson, an implement dealer of Mediapolis, and their children are: Minnie Fern, Emma Evaline, Stanley, Harold, and Malcolm. Deborah Evaline is the wife of John Loper, a barber at Oakville, Iowa, and they have four children: Leslie L., Dal D., Reva, and Marvin.

Mr. and Mrs. Swygard are well known in Mediapolis and in the southern part of Des Moines county, as well as across the border in the county where their old home farm lies. Mr. Swygard was a representative agriculturist, capably conducting his farming interests; and now, in the enjoyment of a well-earned ease, he is living in the village surrounded by the comforts and many of the luxuries that go to make life worth living.

JOHN BERNHARD BOHLEN.

JOHN BERNHARD BOHLEN, who is a German by birth, has been a resident of Des Moines county since 1892, where he has been a prosperous farmer the greater part of the time. He is a son of Henry and Meda (Lubbers) Bohlen, being born in Oldenburg, Germany, May 28, 1875.

His education was received in the common schools of his home place, where he also assisted his father, who was a farmer, until he was seventeen years old. Coming to America in 1892 he located at once in Burlington, where he first obtained work with the Burg Wagon Company. After working here for some time he was

later employed for three months in the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad shops. About this time he gave up shop work and engaged in outdoor work, accepting a position to haul sand for two months for the improvement of Osborn Street. Soon after an opportunity presented itself, and our subject attended school in Danville, where he acquired a better knowledge of the English language. He then returned to farm life, buying eighty acres of land in Section 24, Flint River township, and where he has lived and farmed since 1900. To-day he has some forty acres under cultivation, and has built a good barn, besides making other needed substantial improvements.

In June, 1903, Mr. Bohlen, with a number of other farmers, organized the Flint River Valley Telephone Company, and he was elected one of the directors. The capital stock of the company is about one thousand dollars, with a list of twenty-four subscribers, who are all connected with the city telephones.

Mr. Bohlen was married, Feb. 18, 1897, to Miss Lena Mochlman, daughter of Frederick and Sophia (Luers) Mochlman. They are the parents of the following four children: Amanda; Herbert, who died Dec. 11, 1902, aged one year and four months; Emil; Martha; and Esther, the baby.

Mr. and Mrs. Bohlen are members of the German Baptist church, where the former has been a teacher and superintendent of the Sunday-school. Politically, he is a Republican, but generally acts independently. He served as school director for one term in 1903. He is now taking the Scranton home study course of Telephone Engineering.

In reading this record we find Mr. Bohlen to possess an active and progressive spirit in all lines that pertain to the advancement of his fellow-men, and though quite a young man in years, yet by his great ambition and willing hands he has achieved financial success, and through his integrity and uprightness he has won the respect and good-will of his friends and neighbors.

DAVID JOHN KELLEY.

THE entire life of David John Kelley has been spent in Des Moines county, as a farmer, giving the strength of his manhood and intelligence to the agricultural supremacy of this section of the State. He is numbered among the native sons, his birth having occurred in Flint River township, July 16, 1868. He is a son of William and Elizabeth (Porter) Kelley, who were pioneer settlers of Des Moines county, where they have been prosperous farmers for many years. Our subject received his early education in the district schools of Flint River township. After leaving school he began working on his father's farm, remaining so employed until his marriage, which occurred Feb. 13, 1895. His wife's maiden name was Miss Mary Elizabeth Dodds, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Allison) Dodds. To them one son has been born: Porter Allison, born June 18, 1898.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelley began their wedded life in Danville township, where they remained for two years. They then moved to the Wapello road, and have lived in this vicinity ever since, buying the farm of one hundred and sixty acres in the northwest

corner of Section 26, in September, 1901, and which is now their present home. This was the first farm in the township that sold for one hundred dollars an acre. It is considered as good land as the county affords, and is constantly increasing in value. Mr. Kelley is occupied all the time doing general farming and stock-raising. He feeds two loads of hogs and two car-loads of cattle annually, and has a number of good horses. All the improved machinery may be found on his place, and everything indicates thrift and energy.

Mr. Kelley gives his political allegiance to the Democratic party, and through his untiring efforts has accomplished much for his community. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has passed through the chairs. Viewed in a personal light, he is a strong man of excellent judgment, fair in his views, and highly honorable in his relations with his fellow-men, and has won the favorable regard of his fellow-citizens to a marked degree.

A sketch of William Kelley, father of David, of this review, and a sketch of his brother, James Kelley, of Flint River township, will be found on another page in this volume.

ZURO VANDEMARK.

ZURO VANDEMARK, residing on his farm on Section 17, Franklin township, where he owns and cultivates eighty-five acres of land which is rich and arable, was born in Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, June 28, 1837, his parents being Elijah and Margaret (Bellis) Vandemark. Both were natives of Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, the former born March 27, 1814,

and the latter March 18, 1818. They were married Oct. 18, 1835, and Mrs. Vandemark died May 25, 1893. They came to Iowa in 1859, settling in Des Moines county, where the father purchased eighty acres of land in Franklin township and a tract of similar proportions in Yellow Springs township. Here he followed farming until his later years, and as an agriculturist was practical in his methods, systematic in all that he did, and resolute in carrying forward to successful completion whatever he undertook. He died at the venerable age of eighty-two years, while his wife passed away at the age of seventy years. Both were members of the Methodist church, and their remains lie buried in the old stone church cemetery in Franklin township. Mr. Vandemark was a Democrat in his political views, and for eight years served as supervisor of Franklin township, in which office his duties were discharged with promptness and fidelity. In the family were twelve children, eight of whom are now living.

Zuro Vandemark remained at the place of his birth until about twenty-one years of age, and acquired his education in the public schools. When not busy with his text-books, his attention was largely given to farm labor, and thus he received practical training in the vocation which he has followed since attaining man's estate. He, too, is numbered among the veterans of the Civil War that Iowa furnished to the Union, for in 1863 he joined the boys in blue of Company B, Fifteenth Iowa Infantry, thus serving until the close of hostilities. He was stationed in the Southern States,—Tennessee, Georgia, North and South Carolina,—and took part in many skirmishes and engagements. In Philadelphia, in 1865, he received an honorable discharge, having been

ill in a hospital there, so that he was unable to participate in the grand review in Washington which was the closing event and brilliant finale of the war.

His military service ended, Mr. Vandemark returned to Franklin township, where he took up the occupation of farming, and not long afterward he purchased his present farm, where he has lived continuously since, devoting his energies to the tilling of the soil, and to some extent he has also followed stock-raising. He was active in farm work until about fifteen years ago, when he lost his eyesight.

On Feb. 19, 1869, Mr. Vandemark wedded Miss Eliza J. Hines, a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Ping) Hines, who were early settlers of Franklin township, this county, coming here from Kentucky. Mr. Hines was a prominent farmer of the locality, and both he and his wife died in Franklin township, and were buried in the old stone cemetery. They had been married on Feb. 19, 1845, and traveled life's journey together for forty-three years, Mr. Hines passing away June 3, 1888, and his wife on May 24, 1899. Mrs. Vandemark was born on her father's farm in that township, and attended the common schools near his home. She became the mother of twins, but both died in infancy, and Mr. and Mrs. Vandemark now have an adopted son, Alfred, who resides with them, and operates the farm. He married Miss Mable Kline, who was also adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Vandemark when she was eight years of age. There is one child of this marriage,—Alfred L. Vandemark.

Our subject and his wife, and also their adopted children, are members of the Methodist church, and in politics Mr. Vandemark is a Republican. His life has been honor-

able, his conduct manly and sincere, and the sterling traits of his character have won him the respect and confidence of his fellow-men.

FRED LEICHT.

THERE is no man in Des Moines county toward whom the people feel more kindly, or one who is more highly respected, than the subject of this review. We can confidently say no man holding public office has given better satisfaction, and the beautiful appearance of our lovely Aspen Grove cemetery speaks for his ability and energy.

Fred Leicht is a son of Peter and Philipina Leicht, and was born in Siebeldinger, Landan county, Bavaria, Germany, April, 9, 1831. His parents were natives of the same place, and never came to America. They were the parents of twelve children, of whom five grew to majority, the others dying in infancy. After receiving a very limited education in the schools of his home place, Mr. Leicht helped on his father's farm, principally in the vineyard. In 1847 he came to America by way of New Orleans, in one of the old-time sailing vessels, being some sixty-two days on the briny deep.

He first located in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he learned to make chairs, and remained there and in Louisville, Ky., till 1855. He then came West and settled in Burlington, working one year at his trade, and the next seven years was a successful farmer of Union township. Returning to Burlington, he was employed for two years as carpenter by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad.

In the fall of 1866 Mr. Leicht began

working as sexton of Aspen Grove cemetery, and to-day he is holding the same position.—a period covering nearly forty years. This cemetery is conceded to be one of the finest in the State, if not of the Northwest; it contains about seventy acres of ground. When he first assumed control of it it was only a very small place; but from time to time it has been necessary to add to it, and Mr. Leicht, now employs ten people to care for it. Nineteen years ago the corporation erected a cottage for Mr. Leicht on the grounds, in which he resides. He has given great care and attention to every detail, attending various cemetery associations held in some of the large Eastern cities. The natural beauty of the grounds is greatly admired, and each year valuable improvements are made under the direction of the faithful superintendent, Mr. Leicht. There is scarcely a family residing in Burlington to-day whom he has not directly or indirectly assisted in sorrow.

March 4, 1853, Mr. Leicht married Miss Anna Maria Dreher, in Cincinnati, Ohio. Mrs. Leicht was born March 31, 1834, and was a daughter of John Thobald and Katherine (Erlenwein) Dreher, natives of Siebeldinger, Germany. Mrs. Leicht came to America in 1851, by way of New York. Mr. and Mrs. Leicht became the parents of a large family, having eleven children, of whom nine are living: Philipina, born in Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 7, 1854, married Fred Liechtenburg; Henry, born in Burlington, Dec. 14, 1855, died in Fort Madison, Iowa, July 7, 1893, and is buried there; John W., born in Burlington, March 20, 1857, married Miss Caroline Lucas, and is a prosperous grocery merchant in Burlington; Amelia, born June 7, 1859, is the wife of Adam Walker, being married Oct. 28,

1877, and has six children; Peter, a successful grocer of Burlington, born Dec. 7, 1861, married Miss Lena Rundorf Sept. 16, 1882, and has three children; Matilda, born April 14, 1864, married William Thienes Aug. 8, 1883, who died Nov. 10, 1894; Frederick, born Nov. 19, 1866; Emma, born Feb. 9, 1869, married George C. Hassman May 7, 1890, and has three children, Hazel, Clifford, and Grace; Bertha, born Oct. 21, 1871, died in infancy; Frank, born Nov. 20, 1873, married Miss Maud Metzger, of Burlington, April 26, 1905; George, born Sept. 30, 1875, married Miss Mary Olson Feb. 22, 1903.

Mr. and Mrs. Leicht shared the many joys and sorrows of married life for over fifty years, and had the pleasure of celebrating their golden wedding anniversary, upon which occasion they received many congratulations and good wishes from their many friends. March 9, 1905, a day or two over two years from this joyous time, Mrs. Leicht, the devoted wife and loving mother, was called to her heavenly home, and her loss was deeply deplored by the whole community. Her life was made up of kind and loving deeds, and she possessed a beautiful and retiring nature rarely equaled. She was carefully and tenderly laid away in a beautiful spot close to the home cottage, and her grave receives many beautiful flowers as tributes of love and respect from friends in all stations of life.

Mr. Leicht's home is now presided over by his widowed daughter, Mrs. Thienes. In politics he votes for the man whom he thinks best suited for office, but is inclined toward the Republican party, though he never cared for public recognition. He was formerly a member of the Druids,—a secret society,—and for several years was the

treasurer of the same. He holds membership in the First Evangelical German church. Mr. Leicht is a very plain and unpretentious man, broad and liberal in his views, warm-hearted and genial. There is probably no one having a larger acquaintance in the county than he has. His duties, which are of a hard nature, have been promptly and faithfully performed in all conditions of weather. He is rapidly advancing in years, and the cares and burdens of his active life have made some inroads upon his health, but his thousands of friends hope and trust he will be spared for many years to come, and that his life of honesty and uprightness will receive a just reward.

FREDRICH SUESSENS.

ONE of the highly respected citizens of Des Moines county, Iowa, is Fred Suessens, now residing on his large farm of three hundred acres in Burlington township, just north of the city of Burlington. He is a native of Germany, where he was born May 4, 1851, the son of Fredrich and Anna (Jonkermann) Suessens, and resided in his native land until he attained his twenty-first year, meantime receiving a good education in the public schools.

It was in 1871 that he came to seek the wide opportunities of America, and landing at New York, he came at once to Iowa, locating in the city of Burlington, where he remained for two years, at the end of which time he purchased his present farm of fertile agricultural lands, where he has ever since continued to reside. While the entire tract at that time consisted of wild and untilled lands, it is

now practically all under cultivation, and by the fostering care and sound practical judgment of Mr. Suessens, has become one of the finest farms in Des Moines county.

The improvements are all of his own making, and include a large and modern frame dwelling-house, which is fitted up with many of the latest conveniences devised by mechanical ingenuity to minister to the comfort and ease of the occupants. Here he has resided ever since first making it his home, devoting his time to general farming and to stock-raising. That he has succeeded from a pecuniary point of view is amply evidenced by the high state of efficiency to which he has brought his farm as a source of production, as well as by the excellent appearance and general atmosphere of order and neatness which prevail all over the farm.

On Nov. 25, 1873, Mr. Suessens wedded Miss Catherine Hadelor, who, like himself, is a native of Germany, and came to the United States in 1871. To them have been born eleven children, four of whom are living, as follows: Lena, wife of Fred Hickenback, a farmer of Burlington township; and Minnie, Mary, and Emma, who are members of their father's household. Those deceased are Anna, Eda, John, and four who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Hickenback are the parents of three sons, Raymond, Albert, and Alfred, the latter being deceased.

Mr. Suessens is himself one of a family of four children, all of whom still survive, although the parents are now deceased, the father having died at about the age of fifty-seven years, and the mother at the approximate age of seventy years. They

are buried in Burlington township. The parents of Mr. Suessens came to America in 1874, and made their home with him during the remainder of their lives, the father, who was in Germany a farmer, leading a retired life in this country.

A Democrat in politics, and a conscientious believer in the principles of that party, he has nevertheless never cared for the honor of holding public office, but has devoted his abilities to business affairs almost exclusively, although he was at one time induced by his friends to accept the office of supervisor of the public highways, and in that capacity performed useful service.

While he has been always conspicuously successful in dealing with the material side of life, he has, on the other hand not neglected the cause of religion, and himself and wife are both faithful members of the German Lutheran church, to the support of which he is a liberal contributor, and in whose work he has ever taken a deep and substantial interest. His life is a glorious exemplification of the energy and enterprise that have made our land what it is to-day,—the proudest among the nations of the earth. And withal, his integrity and strict honesty in all his relations with his fellow-men have gained him the universal respect, and made him countless friends who are ready to testify to his high and admirable qualities.

FRANKLIN RENNER.

At an early period in the development of Des Moines county, Franklin Renner became one of its residents, and his home

is now in the city of Danville. He is a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, born June 8, 1834; but when he was only a few weeks old, he was taken to Dearborn county, Indiana, by his parents, Peter and Sybil (Hahn) Renner, both of whom were natives of Germany, and came to the United States at an early age. After living in Ohio for a number of years, Peter Renner removed to Indiana, taking up his abode in Dearborn county, where he entered forty acres of land. He spent his remaining days there, dying at the age of sixty-five years; and his wife, surviving him for some time, passed away at the very advanced age of ninety years, her death occurring at the old home in Dearborn county, Indiana.

It was in that county that Franklin Renner was reared and educated, attending the subscription and the district schools. He remained in Indiana until 1855, when he settled in Des Moines county, purchasing forty acres of land in Danville township. This he partially improved, erecting thereon a good house and barn, and placing the fields under cultivation. From time to time, as his financial resources increased, he purchased more land, until he now owns in the home farm one hundred and sixty-five acres, and in addition he has another farm of seventy-nine acres in Danville township. Upon the old homestead he carried on general farming and stock-raising with excellent success, making the property one of the model farms of the township; and there he lived until 1890, when he removed to Danville, putting aside the more active course of business life. In the city he purchased a pleasant home and fourteen acres of land, and is

now very comfortably situated, the labor of former days supplying him with all of the necessities and many of the luxuries of life.

Mr. Renner was married in 1854 to Miss Elizabeth Adle, who was born in Germany, and came to the United States when a young child. She died on the home farm in Danville township, Dec. 21, 1893, at the age of seventy-five years. For his second wife Mr. Renner chose Rosa Kalmus, their marriage taking place June 5, 1894. She was born in Danville township, Des Moines county, and is a daughter of Peter and Margaret (Bingham) Kalmus, both of whom were natives of Germany, whence they came to the United States at an early day, locating in Des Moines county, Iowa, whence they afterward removed to Henry county, this State. The father is now deceased, but the mother is still living at her home in Henry county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Renner have been born two children, Frank Joseph and Grover Peter, both of whom were born on the old homestead.

In politics Mr. Renner is a Democrat, and for three years was trustee of the township board in Danville. He has served for some time as a member of the city council. He is now one of the board of directors of school district No. 5 and is a member of the Catholic church, of West Burlington. His pronounced ability as a business man, and his integrity in the successful management of the interests which have claimed his attention, have won him prominence. In all business transactions he has been found reliable and trustworthy, and in public or private life his integrity is above question and his honor above reproach.

MONROE BAILEY.

MONROE BAILEY, numbered among the substantial farmers of Danville township, and engaged in operating a large farm of three hundred and twenty acres, which he leases from the John Hanna estate, was born in the town of La Harpe, Hancock county, Ill., May 17, 1861, a son of John F. and Maria (Haggard) Bailey. The father was a native of Virginia, whence he removed to the West and located in Illinois in the early '40's, settling in Hancock county. He purchased land there, engaging in farming and stock raising during the remainder of his life, and it was there that his death occurred in the seventy-ninth year of his age on the anniversary of his birth. During his later years he made his home with his son James. He was able, progressive, and prosperous, and was long active in religious work, being a member of the Baptist church. Politically, he was a life-long Republican.

He first married a Miss Thompson, by whom he had eight children; and of his union with Maria Haggard were born two sons: Monroe, subject of this sketch; and Charles, now a resident of St. Louis, Mo., where he is employed in the street railway service as a motorman. Maria Haggard Bailey was born in Kentucky, coming as a small child to Illinois with her parents, who, settling in Hancock county, devoted their lives to the work of the farm, and both died there. She herself died in Hancock county, her demise occurring when our subject was but two years of age. She was a member of the Baptist church. She and her husband are buried in Hancock county.

For his formal education Mr. Bailey is indebted to the public schools of his native place and to the Carthage, Ill., high school. His practical training, however, was received on his father's farm, and he has been engaged in farming all his life. He remained in Illinois until he was twenty-two years of age, coming to Iowa in 1882 and locating near Denmark in Lee county, where he resided for four years, and then removing to Des Moines county, in the vicinity of Danville. In that section he rented successively two farms, each for five years, and at the expiration of the ten year period rented the present farm, which he has occupied continuously since, devoting his efforts to stock-raising and general farming. He buys and feeds cattle and hogs for the market on a large scale, and has enjoyed excellent success with this branch of his work.

On March 3, 1882, Mr. Bailey was united in marriage to Miss Cora E. Rice, who was born in Hamilton, Hancock county, Ill., a daughter of Orin and Maria (Kent) Rice. Her father, who was a man of distinguished ability, was born in Geneseo, N. Y., and he and his wife were for some time residents of Cincinnati, removing thence to Hancock county, Illinois, in 1859. During the earlier portion of his life he was an inventor of note, and was the inventor of the first zinc washboard introduced into general use, this being at that time an advance over older methods that was highly important. His later years were passed in Hancock county, in the occupation of farming and stock-raising, high-grade Berkshire hogs being his specialty. He was a member and worker in the Presby-

terian church, and was very prominent in the Grange movement of his day, being a leader of public sentiment along lines that would have resulted in vast benefit to the farming element if his ideas had received the support which their initial success merited. He was identified with the Republican party, but took no active share in practical partisan work, although he never neglected his civic duties as he saw them.

He died at his home in Adrian, Ill., aged seventy-five years, and was buried in Chicago. His widow died Dec. 28, 1898, in Chicago, being then eighty years of age. She was born in Derry, N. H., and removed to Michigan at the age of eighteen years, locating at Adrian, where she continued to reside until her marriage. She was the mother of seven children, five of whom are still living, and of these Mrs. Bailey is the youngest.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bailey have been born five sons, as follows: Kent R., born near Denmark, Lee county, assists in the work of the farm; Charles E., born in Lee county, also assists his father; Ward L., born in Lee county; Orin R., born in Danville township, Des Moines county; and Blaine E., born in Danville township, Des Moines county. All were educated in the schools of Danville, and have received excellent advantages in the way of thorough school training.

Mr. Bailey is a member and generous supporter of the Congregational church, of Danville, and in his fraternal relations is identified with Camp 4332, Modern Woodmen of America, of Danville. A staunch Republican, he enjoys wide popularity with those of his own and all other political faiths, and is at the present time

occupying the office of trustee of Danville township, being now in the second year of his incumbency.

WILLIAM CLUDY.

ONE of the prominent representatives of practical agriculture in Des Moines county is William Cludy, a resident of Jackson township, where he operates a well-improved farm of one hundred and twenty acres. Mr. Cludy traces his ancestry to Germany, his parents having been natives of that country, but his own place of birth is Jackson township, Des Moines county, and the date May 1, 1864.

He is the son of Henry and Mary Cludy. Both parents were born in Germany, but came to America when quite young. After their marriage they located in Indiana, where the father rented land and farmed. After living there a few years they moved to Iowa, settling in Jackson township, this county. They were the parents of seven sons, all of whom except two are still living, as follows: Fred, whose home is in Burlington; Henry, born Jan. 31, 1855, now residing on his farm of one hundred acres in Jackson township, has one son, John, who is also married and lives in this township; John, a farmer in Huron township; Frank, deceased; William, the immediate subject of this review; Edward, whose home is in Burlington; and Samuel, who died at the age of two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Cludy, the parents of our subject, were both devoted members of the German Lutheran church. They made their home in Jackson township

from the time that they first came to Iowa until the end of their lives. Mr. Cludy died on the home place in 1880, at the age of about forty years. His widow survived him for almost twenty years, her decease occurring on Oct. 22, 1899, when she was about sixty-two years of age. They are both buried in the cemetery in this township.

William Cludy secured his education in the public schools of the community, and enjoyed the additional advantage of learning the work of the farm by practical experience with its details. He remained upon the home place, assisting in its operation, until he was eighteen years of age, when he felt that it was time for him to begin working for himself. He started his career of independent exertion by working by the month on different farms in Huron township. After doing this for several years, he rented a farm consisting of one hundred and twenty acres, in Section 4, Jackson township, which he has operated two years. During the years 1905-1906 he will operate the Dr. Eades farm. He carries on general farming and stock-raising, and has made a specialty of breeding Poland China hogs and Hereford cattle. His energy, care, and foresight in the conduct of business have resulted in bringing him a large measure of success. Many improvements have been made on the farm under his supervision.

On March 15, 1898, Mr. Cludy was wedded to Miss Katie Rice, daughter of John and Harriet (Mertz) Rice. Mr. Rice is a large property owner and farmer of Benton township, owning about four hundred acres of rich farming land. He was an early settler of Des Moines

county, locating in Benton township at an early day. He was born in Germany, and came to the United States with his parents, when he was only two years of age. His parents settled in Putnam county, Indiana, remaining for about five years; they then came to Iowa, and settled in Burlington township. Here they remained for only two years, then moving to Benton township, where the father bought land near Latty Station.

John Rice, father of Mrs. Cludy, received his education in the common schools of Burlington township, and assisted upon the home farm, remaining there until he was thirty years of age. At that time he purchased his present farm of three hundred and thirty-five acres in Benton and Jackson townships, and has lived there ever since, engaged in general farming and stock-raising. He is a Democrat in politics, and both he and his family are members of the German Lutheran church. He was married to Miss Harriet Mertz, a native of Pennsylvania, who came with her parents to Iowa when a small child. They settled at Kingston, where she made her home until the time of her marriage. Mrs. Cludy is one of twelve children that were born to them, of whom nine are still living.

Mrs. Cludy was educated in the district schools of Benton township, and grew to womanhood there. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and a helper in its enterprises. To her and Mr. Cludy have been born three children, as follows: Elsie, born March 15, 1899; Charles W., born Dec. 20, 1901, died July 31, 1903; and a son, born Aug. 15, 1904.

In his political faith Mr. Cludy is a

firm believer in the principles of the Republican party, and has served his party faithfully in various ways, though he has never been an aspirant to public office. He was reared in the German Lutheran church, and still holds membership in that body. He is enterprising, public-spirited, and progressive, and his loyalty to his convictions and absolute integrity in his dealings have inspired respect for his character on the part of all with whom he comes in contact.

HENRY C. SCHMIDT.

THE birthplace of Henry C. Schmidt was a farm not far from Burlington, and his natal day is Oct. 5, 1871. His parents were Henry Peter Carl and Magdalena (Busch) Schmidt, both of whom were natives of Germany, the former born in Nassau and the latter in Swaben. In early life, however, they came to America, and were married in Burlington, where Mr. Schmidt worked for a nurseryman for a time. He afterward purchased four and a half acres of land northwest of Burlington, took up his abode thereon, and as the years advanced he added to the property until at the time of his death ninety-six acres were enclosed within the boundaries of his place. He had also cultivated and improved the property until it was an excellent farm, with considerable market value. He passed away in July, 1896, and the mother continued to reside upon the old homestead for about six years thereafter, renting the land to her son-in-law, Fred Schoell, for one year, at the end of which time he purchased the property. Mrs. Schmidt is now

living in West Burlington with her youngest son.

Henry C. Schmidt is the eldest of a family of four sons and two daughters. He made his home with his parents until sixteen years of age, when he began working in Burlington, where he was employed for three and a half years. He then returned home, but afterward worked in West Burlington shops for a short time. His early education was acquired in the public schools, after which he secured employment as a farm hand, being thus engaged for a year and a half. Then believing that he could profitably conduct a farm, he rented sixty-five acres of land from his father on Section 3, Flint River township. That he did not overestimate his abilities is indicated by the fact that his labors were so profitable that after two years he was enabled to purchase the land, and he also bought an additional tract of fifteen acres of timber. In 1898 he built a residence on his farm, and he has put all of the improvements on the property, having now a fine farm, although many others are greater in extent. In all that he undertakes he is practical, and his labors are therefore profitable.

April 8, 1896, Mr. Schmidt was married to Miss Minnie Reif, who was born in Wapello, Iowa, and is a daughter of Philip and Henrietta (Winters) Reif, the former a native of Ohio, and the latter of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt have become the parents of two daughters and a son: Esther, born June 12, 1897; Viola, born May 30, 1899; and Walter, born Dec. 3, 1901. The parents hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, and are people of genuine worth, their good qualities of heart and mind winning them the

friendly regard of many with whom they have been associated. Mr. Schmidt is yet a young man, but his business enterprise and unremitting diligence have brought him gratifying success, and the visible evidence of his life of labor is his excellent farm in Flint River township.

JOHN MCPAKE.

JOHN MCPAKE, who owns and operates a farm of thirty acres on Section 26, Flint River township, Des Moines county, is a native of Illinois, his birth having occurred in Henderson county, Feb. 8, 1857. He is one of eight children born unto Owen and Bridget (Clark) McPake, both of whom were natives of Ireland, the father's birth having occurred in County Tyrone, while the mother was born in County Meath.

They came to the United States in early life, and the father cast his first presidential vote for Polk. Establishing his home in Pennsylvania, he was there employed in rolling-mills. He was married in Allentown, Pa., and five years later brought his family to Illinois, settling in Henderson county, where he was employed as a farm hand for a year and then purchased a small farm, whereon he continued to reside throughout the remainder of his active business life. His last days were spent in retirement from labor at the home of his son John, where he died March 26, 1903, at the venerable age of one hundred years and four months. His wife died two years before her husband, at the age of seventy-nine years. Of their children five are still living.

Remaining a resident of Henderson

county, Illinois, for twelve years, John McPake acquired his early education in the public schools there, and following the removal of the family to Des Moines county, July 29, 1869, he continued his studies in the schools of Flint River township. He remained upon the home farm until old enough to start out in life on his own account, when he began working on the farm of William F. Johnson, continuing there for two or three years. He then returned to the home farm in Illinois, which he operated for several years, or until his marriage, in 1879.

In February, 1884, he returned to Iowa, and again located in Flint River township, where he engaged in farming for two years. He next took up his abode in West Burlington, where he was engaged in the wood and coal business for two years. He then entered the boiler shops of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, being employed there for three years, and later he spent a similar period at Chicago in the boiler shops of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company. On the expiration of that period he returned to Flint River township, and has since engaged in farming in Section 26.

April 21, 1879, Mr. McPake was married, in St. Paul's Catholic church, in Burlington, to Miss Anna Lacey, who was born in that city, Jan. 2, 1858, a daughter of John and Anna (Breen) Lacey, who were natives of County Wexford, Ireland. The father came to the United States when twenty years of age, and located at West Chester, Pa., and his wife crossed the Atlantic with her parents in her childhood days, and also became a resident of West Chester. They were married there in 1852, and the same day started for Iowa, settling in Burlington. Some years

later they removed to Flint River township, where the father engaged in farming. His death occurred Dec. 4, 1891, when he had reached the age of seventy-four years and nine months, while his wife passed away in 1859, when their daughter Anna was but a year old. She was their only child.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. McPake have been born eleven children, all of whom are living: Ella, the wife of George Hetz, a teamster of Burlington, by whom she has three children, Anna, Leona, and Gladys; Katherine, who resides in West Burlington; Joseph Owen, a machinist, married Dorothy Grone, of West Point, Iowa, and now resides at Moline, Ill.; John Lacey; Mary Breen; William Henry; George Edward; Susan; Rose Marie; Marguerite Alice; and Charles Philip.

The parents are members of the Catholic church, and in his political affiliation Mr. McPake is a Democrat. While living in West Burlington he served as constable, and for two years has filled the position of road supervisor, proving a competent officer, and is always interested in public progress and improvement.

EDWARD LEHR.

A PROMINENT and influential position is accorded Edward Lehr among the successful merchants of Burlington, his connection with the lumber interests of the community having added to their value in various lines. He was born in Westphalia, Germany, Feb. 19, 1850, a son of Carl Lehr, who was a prominent lawyer in Westphalia, but never came to America. He received a part of his education

in the gymnasium schools in Germany, and came to America when he was fifteen years of age. He had an uncle in Baltimore who was a tobacco exporter, with whom he remained for one year. He came to Burlington first in 1866, but stayed only three years, when he returned to Baltimore, where he remained till 1879 with his uncle. After again coming to Burlington he was with the Murray Iron Works for two years, and about this time became identified with the Gilbert & Hedge Lumber Company, one of the largest and most successful industries in Burlington. He was bookkeeper and associate manager for some years, and in 1900 became a member of the firm and has done much towards building up the extensive business.

June 23, 1900, Mr. Lehr was married to Miss Alice Wolf, daughter of Charles Wolf, of Burlington. They have two sons: Edward, Jr., born March 26, 1903, and Gilbert, born Dec. 21, 1904. Mr. Lehr was formerly a Democrat, but his study of the political issues and questions of the day has led him to give his support to no party; for he believes that he can best discharge his duties of citizenship by supporting the men whom he thinks most ably qualified for office regardless of party affiliations. Mr. Lehr resides at 1837 West Avenue. Both he and his wife are held in high regard by all who appreciate genuine personal worth.

JOHN MONTGOMERY.

JOHN MONTGOMERY was for many years a prominent mechanic in the city of Burlington, and well deserves mention among

the prominent residents of this community who in the past were loyal to its best interests and largely promoted the general good. Although some years have come and gone since he was called so suddenly to his final rest, his influence remains as a potent factor in the world, especially along those lines which stand for the highest and best in life.

John Montgomery was a son of Robert and Margaret (Montgomery) Montgomery, and was born in Irvineston, County Fermanagh, Ireland, Sept. 24, 1843. He attended the local schools of his native county for a few years, but his education was principally acquired through the employment of his leisure hours in extensive reading. He thus became a well-informed man, for he possessed an observing eye and a retentive memory. Hearing favorable reports concerning the business opportunities of the New World, and desirous of learning something of other countries besides his native land, he determined to emigrate to the United States, and in 1861 crossed the great Atlantic, landing in New York, from whence he came direct to Burlington, Iowa.

Here he learned the trade of a blacksmith in the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad shops, where he was later employed as foreman in the blacksmith shop, in West Burlington, till his death. Dec. 24, 1889, Mr. Montgomery was accidentally killed by the cars while attempting to board the morning work train. His death was deeply deplored by his employers and associates, and was a sad blow to his beloved family. Being the oldest mechanic in the employ of the company at the time of his death, he had become widely known in the industrial circles of Burlington, and his many sterling traits of character had gained for him the warm regard of all with whom he was asso-

ciated. He died leaving his family a comfortable competence and an untarnished name. His remains are buried in Aspen Grove cemetery. For years Mr. Montgomery has been an honored member of the Association of United Workmen, in which he carried an insurance policy of two thousand dollars. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, and his life was in constant harmony with his Christian faith and profession. His political allegiance was always given to the Republican party, and in matters of citizenship he was ever progressive, being interested in everything for the good of the city.

March 1, 1864, Mr. Montgomery was married to Miss Mary Ann Mitchell, daughter of John and Jane (Armstrong) Mitchell, of New York city. Mrs. Montgomery was born in County Derry, Ireland, June 20, 1843, and came to America when but eleven years old, making the trip in one of the early steamers in some ten or twelve days. She received her education in her birthplace.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery were born four children: Jennie, a graduate of the high school and city training school of Burlington, Iowa, has been a successful teacher in the schools of the same city for over twenty years, having charge now of the primary department of the Washington School. Besides her school duties, Miss Jennie is active in the service of the Presbyterian church, of which she is a faithful member; she has also, for a number of years, represented the charity organization of the city in her district, in which she is deservedly popular, always being kind and considerate to the poor and needy, and at the same time exerting her influence for right and justice. Mary, the second daughter, married Mervon Howe, a machinist,

and lives in Buffalo, N. Y., and has one child, Margaret. Robert, the only son, married Miss Louisa Schramm, is a machinist, and resides at Cleveland Station, Ohio, and is the father of one son, Herbert. Cora married a Presbyterian minister by name of Quinn, has one child, Robert, and lives in Britt, Iowa.

Mrs. Montgomery and daughter Jennie still live in the old home, at 1816 Agency Street, which the husband and father bought in 1865, and which he improved to its present condition. Montgomery Street, in the same neighborhood, was named in honor of our subject. Mrs. Montgomery is a woman whose strength of character lies in her integrity and her unfaltering devotion to the principles which she believes to be right. Her church life has been one of pure devotion, while her work in the behalf of the sick and afflicted has been continuous and far reaching, and in this respect she has ever followed the example of her beloved husband.

CARL LUDWICK SCHMIDT.

CARL LUDWICK SCHMIDT is a representative of one of the pioneer families of Des Moines county, having for many years resided in this part of the State. A native of Prussia, he was born in Brandenburg, Voldenburg, Prussia, Germany, Nov. 27, 1834, his parents being Frederick and Johanna (Bench) Schmidt. In his native land he attended the public schools, and after putting aside his textbooks he learned the stone-mason's trade. Later he secured a position as baggage-master, but subsequently was taken sick. When he had recovered his health, he

worked in the freight house, and was thus engaged at the time of his marriage.

In 1868 he came to America, believing that he might have better business opportunities in the New World. Taking passage on an old sailing vessel, he was just nine weeks in crossing the Atlantic, and then landed at Baltimore. He came direct to Burlington by way of Chicago, and, accompanied by his family, established his home in this city. Here he secured employment in the gas works. He also built a house, and later traded that property for eighty acres of land in Benton township, at the northeast corner of Section 27. Here he turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits, and has largely developed the farm, erecting all of the buildings thereon with the exception of the house. He also placed a foundation under the house and built a porch. Everything about his farm is neat and thrifty in appearance, and the well-tilled fields are an evidence of his life of thrift and industry.

Nov. 4, 1865, while still in Germany, Mr. Schmidt was married to Miss Carolina Franciska Fenska, a daughter of John and Charlotte (Schultz) Fenska. She was born March 2, 1841, and by her marriage has become the mother of seven children, four sons and three daughters: Martha Antonia Elizabeth, born in Voldenburg, Germany, Sept. 13, 1866, and is the wife of Henry Young, of Benton township; Otto Albert P., born in Burlington, Dec. 20, 1868; Charles John Frederick, born Aug. 9, 1871, and is living in Burlington; Juliana Louisa Franciska, born Nov. 16, 1873, and is the wife of Frank Haus, of Benton township; Albert Julius Richard, born Oct. 21, 1875; John

Wilhelm Gothelf, born May 7, 1878; and Helena Maria Charlotta, born Dec. 4, 1881, and is the wife of John Nasius of Benton township. The son, John W. G. Schmidt, was elected to the office of road supervisor, March, 1905. He had previously worked for the county under the direction of the board of supervisors. He is a wide-awake and enterprising young man, full of energy and determination.

Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt are members of St. Paul's German Lutheran church, and take an active part in its work and up-building. He is serving as trustee and treasurer, and does all in his power to promote the growth of the church. In politics he is a stanch Democrat, but has never sought or desired office, preferring to give his time and attention to his business affairs, and as a farmer is now meeting with creditable success. Upon his place he has four cows, three calves, six horses, and eighteen hogs. He carries on general farming, and is nicely located on Yellow Springs creek, in Benton township.

CHRIS ROLD.

CHRIS ROLD, a retired farmer living in Huron township, was born in Baden, Germany, Dec. 21, 1839, his father being Joseph Rold, of that county. The son acquired his education in the public schools, and learned the carpenter's trade in early manhood. Thinking that he might enjoy better business privileges and opportunities in the New World, he made arrangements to leave the Fatherland in 1872, and crossed the Atlantic to the United States. He did not tarry on the Atlantic coast, but made his

way at once to Burlington, where he secured employment in Joy's factory, where he remained through one summer and winter. He was also employed by the firm of Gillis & Winters, and he also acted as turnkey at the jail under William Schaffner, who is the present deputy sheriff of the county. At length retiring from that position, he bought twenty acres of land in Section 26, Huron township, where he has since lived. He is now living retired, his children doing the work of the farm, but for a long period he was actively engaged in farm life, tilling the soil and harvesting his crops.

In the spring of 1872 Mr. Rold was united in marriage to Miss Mary Wearly, a daughter of Joseph Wearly, and they have nine children: Edward, Bertha, Barbara, Mary, Anna, Emerence, Gustave, Christ, and Athern, all living in Des Moines county. Several of the number were born in Huron township, and three are still at home. The parents are members of the Catholic church of Kingston, and have reared their family in that faith.

FREDERICK RAMILLER.

FREDERICK RAMILLER, who claims Germany as his birthplace, and who has been an esteemed citizen of the United States from early childhood, and a respected farmer of Flint River township for many years, is a son of Frederick and Elizabeth (Bruer) Ramiller, and was born in West Phalen, Germany, Dec. 23, 1844. When he was but two years old his parents brought him to America, bought land, and settled in Flint River township, being among the very early pioneers of this county. They

spent the remainder of their good lives on this pretty farm, made so by their own personal efforts; and during this long residence of more than thirty years they became well known in the community, where they made scores of true friends. Frederick Ramiller, Sr., died in 1885, and his worthy wife, who had shared his many joys and sorrows, followed in 1889.

Our subject received a limited education in the rural schools of his parents' neighborhood. In 1901 he bought a part of the old homestead and purchased the Frank Jones place, and now has two hundred and forty acres of good farm land in Flint River township on Sections 5 and 6. His father left a nice country home, as well as many other improvements. Mr. Ramiller is kept busy tending to his large, well-kept farm, which is equipped with all the modern improvements and machinery. His horses and cattle all present a fine appearance, and the whole place indicates much pains and neatness.

Feb. 22, 1872, Mr. Ramiller took unto himself Miss Mary Pagamiller for his partner in life. Her parents were Weiloff and Louisa Pagamiller. Like all noble Germans Mr. and Mrs. Ramiller have raised a large family, being the parents of nine children, which, remarkable to say, are all living, and are as follows: Christ; Edward, of Danville township; George, at home; Henry, Samuel, and Charles, of Minnesota; Benjamin, Emma, and Nellie, at home.

Mrs. Ramiller died April 26, 1901, aged fifty years. Her death was a great blow to her family and friends, as she was a woman of many virtues, and whom to know was to love and respect. Mr.

Ramiller is a member of the Lutheran church, as was also his departed wife. Politically, he is a stanch Republican, but does not care to hold office, preferring to devote all of his time to his farm and happy family.

Though probably not the oldest in years, yet our subject has been a continuous resident of this prosperous township longer than any other man. He has a retentive memory, and relates with much interest all the hardships and privations his parents underwent upon settling in this new country some fifty-nine years ago. He is a very plain and unassuming man, who has always adhered to honest principles in every business transaction, and being of a sunny and bright disposition he has numbered his friends by the hundreds.

CHRISTOPHER BENDIX.

CHRISTOPHER BENDIX, now residing on his farm in Section 16, Union township, is a native of Prussia, having been born about ten miles from the city of Mecklenburg, Dec. 16, 1860, a son of Andrew and Anna Marie (Hess) Bendix. His parents were married in 1846, and came to the United States in 1871, bringing with them their family of three children, of whom Christopher Bendix was the youngest. They came direct to Iowa, locating in the city of Burlington, where the father immediately secured employment at his trade as a carpenter. He continued to reside there for twenty years, but removed to Union township in the spring of 1895, and now resides with his son. He has throughout life enjoyed excellent health, and even now, in

the eightieth year of his age, is cheerful, active, and remarkably well preserved. The mother is now deceased, her demise having occurred Dec. 15, 1875.

Mr. Bendix early had the advantage of good training in the schools of his native country, and later in the German schools of Burlington; but when only fourteen years of age was obliged by circumstances to quit school and begin work to aid in the support of the family. He first worked in the basket factory at Burlington, after which he spent three years as a farm hand. He then returned to the city to take a position in the Union depot, whence he was transferred at the end of one year to the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy roundhouse. Here he worked for a period of fourteen years as a machinist, the first three years of that time being devoted to learning the trade. In 1894 he purchased his present farm in Union township, consisting of sixty-three acres of excellent farming land, to which he removed in 1895, and here he conducts general farming in addition to engaging largely in the feeding of hogs for the market.

April 19, 1883, Mr. Bendix wedded Miss Matilda Schwab, who was born in Switzerland, and came to America at the age of sixteen years, making her home in Burlington. To their union have been born five children: Walter Wernhard, Leslie Andrew, Goldie Malinda, Raymond Carl Albert, and Elsie Marie Matilda. Mr. and Mrs. Bendix and their children are members of Saint Lucas' Lutheran church.

Fraternally, our subject is identified with Red Cross Lodge, No. 242, Ancient Order United Workmen, and is in his political affiliation a Democrat. He has been to some extent connected with public service,

having been elected to the office of director of public schools in 1897. He occupied that position for three years, or until 1900, with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of all. He is pleasant, genial, a good neighbor, and has many friends who wish him well. He has achieved success by his own efforts, entirely without help of any kind, and this by the practice of those distinctively American virtues, energy, enterprise, and self-reliance.

HON. THOMAS HEDGE.

HON. THOMAS HEDGE, member of Congress, and president of the Gilbert-Hedge Lumber Company, was born June 24, 1844, in the city of Burlington, when Iowa was still under territorial government, his parents being Thomas and Eliza Burr (Eldridge) Hedge. In his youth he attended the public and private schools of his native city, and continued his education in Denmark Academy, at Denmark, Iowa, and Phillips Andover Academy, of Massachusetts, being graduated from the latter institution with the class of 1861. The succeeding year was passed in his father's employ, after which he entered upon his collegiate work at Yale, of which he is an alumnist of 1867. His college course, however, was interrupted by his service in the Union army in 1864 and 1865, when as a member of Company E, One Hundred and Sixth New York Infantry, he went to the South, where he won promotion to the second lieutenantcy of Company G of the same regiment. His professional training was received at the Columbia Law School, from which he was graduated in 1869.

For thirty-six years a member of the Burlington board, Mr. Hedge has likewise figured in financial and commercial circles here, being a director of the First National Bank, and president of the Gilbert-Hedge Lumber Company. His name as a political leader is well known, and since 1899 he has represented his home district in Congress, occupying a seat upon the Republican side of the House. He is president of the board of trustees of the Congregational church of Burlington, and his name is found upon the subscription list of many of the worthy charities of the city.

Mr. Hedge was married Jan. 8, 1873, to Miss Mary Frances Cook, a daughter of the late Lyman Cook, and they have four children: Thomas, Lyman Cook, Anna Louise, and Henry Lorrain.

THOMAS HEDGE, SR.

THOMAS HEDGE, SR., whose life history contributes an important chapter to the history of commercial and industrial development in Burlington, saw in the new and embryonic city of Des Moines county the opportunity for successful accomplishment, and, calling forth all his latent powers, he utilized each possibility that came to him, and in the course of years attained the success that made his an honored name in commercial and financial circles here. In pioneer times his connection with Burlington's interest was that of a merchant, while later he became one of the extensive lumber dealers of the city, and the importance of his operations in this direction made him known even beyond the boundaries of the State.

A native of Massachusetts, he was born in Yarmouth, Feb. 14, 1815, and was descended from Puritan English ancestry, the first representative of the name in America being Capt. William Hedge, who settled in Yarmouth in 1638. His father, Capt. James Hedge, was a sea captain and farmer, dividing his life between the water and the land, his carefully directed labors bringing him a fair measure of success in each place.

Thomas Hedge, reared in his Cape Cod home, went to Boston when a youth of sixteen years to enter business life, and became an employee in a commission house in that city. He was retained in his first service for two years, after which he secured a better position with Burgess & Son, extensive importers of goods from the West Indies. Although but a youth he was given a position of much responsibility, and displayed ready adaptability and superior qualifications for the trust reposed in him.

Mr. Hedge retained his residence in Boston until 1836, but in the meantime had given considerable attention and reflection to the question of a residence in the new but rapidly growing West, and in the year mentioned, in company with two young Bostonians, Dickinson and Sears by name, he came to Burlington. The young men associated their capital in a general mercantile enterprise, but, not meeting with the success they had anticipated, they soon disposed of their stock and returned to the East, where Mr. Hedge again entered the employ of the house of Burgess & Son, becoming agent for the firm in Cuba. He had, however, formed an attachment for the Middle West, and subsequent to his marriage to Miss Eliza Burr Eldridge, of Yarmouth, he returned to Burlington in September, 1843, and again ventured upon a mercantile

experience, establishing a general store upon the present site of the large dry-goods house of J. S. Schramm & Company. This time he was more successful, and a rapidly growing patronage justified his active connection with banking interests in 1858, in which year he entered the private banking house of Gen. Jacob G. and George C. Lauman, the new firm being styled Lauman, Hedge & Company. Following his retirement from this business in the early '60's, he devoted a few years to carrying on the grain trade, and in 1866 he entered into partnership with John W. and W. D. Gilbert as wholesale lumber dealers, under the firm style of Gilbert, Hedge & Company. Those familiar with the history of Burlington, or with the trade records of the State through the latter half of the nineteenth century, know of the success of this house. The operations of the firm constantly grew, reaching mammoth proportions, and the promoters of the enterprise became wealthy men of the city.

Mr. Hedge is, moreover, entitled to distinctive mention as one of the most prominent and representative men of Burlington, by reason of the active and stalwart support which he gave to many measures for the general good. Realizing the value and importance of railroad transportation, he became one of the most active promoters of the plan for the building of the Burlington & Northwestern Railroad in the '70's, and upon its incorporation was chosen its first president. His political allegiance was unswervingly given to the Republican party, and for several years he rendered effective service as a member of the Des Moines board of supervisors. He was at one time a member of the board of trustees for the Hospital for the Insane, and at the time of his death was a member of the board

of trustees of the First Congregational church, in which he long held membership.

In 1869 Thomas Hedge was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who in that year passed away, survived by a son and daughter: Thomas Hedge, now representing the Des Moines district in Congress; and Mrs. Anna Hedge Squires, widow of the late C. P. Squires.

Mr. Hedge survived for about sixteen years, departing this life Jan. 8, 1885. While his business success won him the admiration of his contemporaries and the entire trust of his business associates, his broad humanitarian principles and devotion to the general good gained him the warm regard of all who knew aught of his career; and so effective, far-reaching, and beneficial was his service in behalf of his community and his State, that his demise was the occasion of uniform and wide-spread regret.

AMOS BEERE.

A FINE representative of the middle-aged farmers of Yellow Springs township is Amos Beere, who was born in Franklin township, Des Moines county, May 24, 1847. His father was a cabinet-maker in the State of New York, but on account of ill health was induced to come West, where, in 1845, he purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Des Moines county, and added to this till at the time of his death two hundred and ninety acres bore golden tribute to his labor.

Our subject was educated in the pioneer district schools of his native township, and remained upon the home farm till long after he had reached his majority. He then for a

number of years rented a farm, and in 1893 he bought his present place of eighty acres in the northeast corner of Section 29. This farm then was devoid of any improvements, but Mr. Beere has now a nice house and a good barn, besides all the other buildings necessary for grain and stock. He is a very methodical farmer, which assertion is verified by the tidy and neat appearance of his place. He raises some cattle each year, has from thirty to forty hogs, and also raises from five to seven calves annually.

Mr. Beere has always been a strong Democrat, and taken much interest in the work of his party. He was trustee of Franklin township for two years, and has served as road supervisor and school director, also.

Feb. 2, 1882, Mr. Beere was united in marriage with Miss Charlotte Lines, daughter of Allison and Elizabeth (Bishop) Lines.

Mr. Beere has exerted considerable influence in public and community affairs in his township, and his worth is widely recognized, for his business methods will always bear the closest investigation, and his course in politics has ever been that of a loyal and progressive citizen.

EDWARD W. M. CATLETT.

EDWARD W. M. CATLETT, general agent for the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company, was born in Lexington, McLean county, Ill., July 4, 1866, and is a son of William O. Catlett, whose birth occurred in Martinsburg, W. Va. His paternal grandfather, although a resident



AMOS BEERE'S RESIDENCE.

of the South, was a stanch abolitionist. William O. Catlett, in his early boyhood days, was bound out to a miller, and mastering the business he followed the miller's trade until after the inauguration of the Civil War, when he enlisted as a member of Company C, Ninety-fourth Illinois Infantry, at Lexington, Ill., as a private. He was wounded in military service at Springfield, Mo., while on guard at the arsenal there, and was then transferred to Chicago. He served for three years, and was put on guard duty at Camp Douglas, in Chicago, on account of physical disability that unfitted him for active field service.

After the war he engaged in the nursery business at Lexington, building up an extensive trade, the Catlett nursery becoming widely known. At length he disposed of the nursery, and removed to Des Moines Iowa, where he lived until his death. He married Alice Caroline Mahan, Sept. 27, 1855, a native of Zanesville, Ohio. Her father was also a stanch abolitionist, and died in a rebel prison. He was an aged man, and because of his bitter opposition to the system of slavery he aided in freeing a number of slaves, his home being a station on the famous underground railroad. Suspicion being aroused against him in the minds of Southern sympathizers, he was captured by the rebels and put in prison, where the hardships of prison existence terminated his life.

Three brothers of William O. Catlett were soldiers in the Civil War, and although they lived in West Virginia, were stanch abolitionists. Mrs. Catlett, following her husband's demise, came to Burlington, Iowa, to make her home with her son, Edward W. M. Catlett, and here died June 20, 1889. In their family were

the following named: Thomas G., who was the oldest child by Mr. Catlett's first marriage, and who was at one time an attorney of Burlington, died in Lineus, Mo., Oct. 28, 1903; Evelyn E., a daughter by the first marriage, is the wife of John B. Wright, a resident of Manitoba; Viola is the wife of W. V. Beal, of Red Cloud, Nebr.; Maude E. died Jan. 11, 1886; Edward W.; and Horace, who died Jan. 25, 1900.

Edward W. M. Catlett acquired his early education in the schools of Lexington, Ill. In the year of the Chicago fire, 1871, when he was five years of age, his father removed from Lexington to Nebraska, during a rush there, and secured a claim; but later the family returned to Winterset, Iowa, where Mr. Catlett, of this review, pursued his studies in the public schools. He also took a course in Elliott's Business College after coming to Burlington. When fourteen years of age, he began learning the printer's trade in the employ of the George A. Miller Printing Company, of Des Moines, Iowa, with which he was connected for three years. He afterward entered the employ of the Kenyon Printing Company, of Des Moines, and later removed to Burlington, where, following his commercial course, he entered the services of the Conrad Lutz Printing Company, being employed as a job printer for three years. Nov. 1, 1889, he entered the office of the Burlington *Hawk-Eye* as mailing clerk, and was connected with the advertising and collection department for twelve years, while during the last four years of his relation with the paper he was also connected with the mailing department. He resigned his position on the *Hawk-Eye*, Jan. 1, 1904, to accept the agency of southeastern Iowa for the Connecticut Mutual Life In-

insurance Company, of Hartford, his territory extending east of Ottumwa and south of Cedar Rapids. He appoints agents and looks after the business generally in the principal towns in southeastern Iowa.

Mr. Catlett is a member of the Woodmen of the World. He has filled all of its positions as an executive officer. He became a charter member of Black Hawk Camp, No. 33, and five times has been a representative to the head camp, and twice to the sovereign camp. His political allegiance is given to the Republican party, and he is active in its ranks, doing all in his power to promote its local work and successes, being in 1903 a delegate to the State convention.

On June 28, 1892, Mr. Catlett was married, in Burlington, to Miss Bertha Kropf, who was born in Burlington, while her parents were natives of Prussia, coming to this city at a very early day, and for more than twenty years the father was assessor.

Mr. and Mrs. Catlett have an attractive home at 807 South Ninth Street, which was built in 1899 at a cost of three thousand dollars. They have a large circle of friends in the city, and enjoy the hospitality of many of the best homes in Burlington. Mr. Catlett is classed with the representative business men here, and the success he has achieved is the direct result of his own labors; for he entered business life without capital, and has gained advancement through close application, laudable ambition, and unfaltering diligence.

FRANK E. THOMPSON.

FRANK E. THOMPSON, who is filling the position of county attorney of Des Moines county, was born in Grandview, Louisa

county, Iowa, Dec. 13, 1870, his parents being John W. and Mary (See) Thompson. His grandfather, John Thompson, was born in Ross county, Ohio, in 1810, and was of New England ancestry. He came with his parents to Iowa in 1839, settling in Louisa county, near Grandview. This was a wild frontier district. Every evidence of pioneer life was to be seen here, and the work of progress and civilization seemed scarcely begun. The Thompson family were wealthy people, and purchased large tracts of land. John Thompson turned his attention to stock-raising, and he also did a large amount of contract work. He was twice married, his first wife being a Miss Nichols, by whom he had four children. His second wife, who bore the maiden name of Sarah Nichols, was born in Ross county, Ohio, and there were five children by that marriage. The grandfather died in 1886, while his wife passed away in 1880, when about fifty-five years of age.

John W. Thompson acquired his education in the common schools, and throughout his entire life has engaged in general farming and stock-raising. He has always been identified with the interests of Iowa, taking a most active part in its development and progress. About 1870 he removed to Henry county, Iowa, where he lived for thirty years, and in 1900 he went to Missouri, settling near Sedalia, where he owns a large tract of land. There he is extensively engaged in dealing in horses, mules, and cattle. He wedded Miss Mary See, a daughter of Rev. Michael See, and a representative of one of the old colonial families of Virginia. Her father came to the West in 1836, settling in Burlington with his parents, who entered land from the government in what is known as the Miller settlement,

in Des Moines county. Michael See was a man of powerful and vigorous constitution. He became a circuit rider of the Methodist church, and from the age of twenty-one years devoted his life entirely to the work of the ministry. He was a very successful preacher, being gifted with eloquence, and with that quality which for want of a better term we have called personal magnetism. He was logical in argument, persuasive, and earnest, and his labors led to the substantial upbuilding of the church. He was an intimate friend of H. Clay Dean and Rev. Frank Evans, and was one of the notable figures in the early history of Iowa. He was twice married, his first wife being a Miss Miller, whose mother belonged to the Hanks family, and was a relative of Abraham Lincoln. He departed this life in 1899, full of years and honors, having passed the eighty-second milestone on life's journey. He had never been ill until just prior to his death, and he continued in the active work of the ministry almost to the last.

Frank E. Thompson began his education in the district schools, and at thirteen years became a student in the high school at Columbus City, Iowa. He also continued his studies in the high school at Muscatine, Iowa, and was a student in a business college there. Later he entered the Iowa State University, where he pursued a literary course for a time, and then entered upon the study of law, being graduated with the class of 1896. Soon afterward he opened an office for the practice of law in Burlington, and has since been an active member of the legal profession in this city. Mr. Thompson has ever prepared his cases with great thoroughness, and in the presentation of his cause his arguments have been clear, and his

deductions have followed in logical sequence. He is clear and cogent in his reasoning, and is familiar with precedent and the points in law.

A staunch Republican in his political views, Mr. Thompson was a candidate on the ticket of that party for representative to the State Legislature in 1901, and was defeated, as were all of the other Republican candidates. He lost the election, however, by a very small vote, running ahead of many of the candidates on the ticket. In 1904 he was made the Republican nominee for county attorney, and was elected, leading the county ticket, his majority being about nine hundred, notwithstanding his opponent was regarded as one of the strongest members of the county bar. He has taken an active interest in politics, regarding it the duty as well as the privilege of every true American citizen to keep well informed on the issues of the day, and to support by his ballot the principles which he believes contain the best elements of good government. He was chairman of the Republican county central committee in 1902, and has been active in politics, delivering many campaign addresses in Des Moines and adjoining counties. Fraternally, he is connected with the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and the Modern Woodmen of America.

In 1894 Mr. Thompson was married to Miss Lillian Russell, a daughter of John J. Russell, a retired merchant of Columbus Junction, Iowa. They are prominent socially, having a wide and favorable acquaintance in Burlington. Mr. Thompson, devoting the greater part of his time and attention to his profession, has made for himself an enviable position as one of the

leading young lawyers of Burlington, and as county attorney is giving excellent satisfaction by his unfaltering devotion to the duties which devolve upon him.

HENRY EWINGER.

HENRY EWINGER, who made for himself a creditable position in the business circles of Burlington as a steam- and gas-fitter, and whose success was the legitimate result of close application and earnest effort, was born in Rhine, Bavaria, on the 20th of February, 1827. The days of his youth were there passed, and when he was sixteen years of age he was apprenticed to a machinist of Germany, becoming very thorough in his work, and gaining a practical as well as theoretical knowledge of mechanical principles that proved the basis of his success in later life.

Before leaving his native country Mr. Ewinger was married, in 1852, to Miss Kate Burg, also a native of Rhine, Bavaria, and a sister of John Burg, the well-known wagon-maker of Burlington, prominently identified with the early industrial development of the city. In the fall of 1853 Mr. Ewinger started with his young wife for the New World upon a sailing vessel. It was sixty-five days later before they were allowed to land at New Orleans, for the ship was quarantined, cholera having broken out on board. Every child on board died with the exception of Mary, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ewinger, who lived to reach womanhood. After reaching the Crescent City, Mr. Ewinger proceeded up the Mississippi River to Burlington, where he ar-

rived with sixty dollars in his pocket. Not finding immediate employment at his trade he engaged in laying rails on the Chicago, Burlington, & Quincy Railroad, which was then being constructed on the east side of the river in Illinois. There were no railroads in Burlington, nor did a bridge span the river, most of the products of the city and surrounding district being shipped down the river. In the spring of 1854 he secured employment in the machine shops of Rentz & Bradley, with whom he remained until 1858, when he took charge of a stationary engine in the Putnam flouring mill, occupying that position from 1858 until 1873. He then purchased an interest in a plumbing and steam- and gas-fitting establishment, becoming a partner in the firm of Conrad & Ewinger. Five years later he became sole proprietor through the purchase of his partner's interest, and so remained until January, 1896, when the business was incorporated, his two sons, William O. and John H., being admitted to a partnership, at which time Mr. Ewinger became president, and so continued until his death.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ewinger were born eight children: Mary, who became the wife of August Marquardt, died in 1886, at the age of thirty-three years, leaving four children; Kate, who became the wife of Fred C. Frebert, and died in 1881, leaving two children; Sarah, the wife of George Reif, a farmer living about seven miles from Burlington; Rieke, the wife of Chris Ebert, a cigar manufacturer of Burlington, and they have four children; John, who is now interested in the plumbing and steam- and gas-fitting business, married Ursula Joanna, and they have three children; Lydia, the wife of B. Dixon, a railway engineer of Fort Madison, Iowa, and they have four

children; William, now the president of the business, married Tillie Strohm, of Peru, Ill.; Emma, the wife of Carl Kurle, who is engaged in the harness business in Dallas City, Ill. Mrs. Ewinger died in 1878, and her remains were interred in Aspen Grove cemetery, and there also rest the remains of Mr. Ewinger and their two deceased daughters.

In his political views Mr. Ewinger was a Democrat, but while never remiss in the duties of citizenship, he did not seek or desire office. He was at one time a member of the German Methodist Episcopal church, and later he became a member of the First Methodist Episcopal church. He came to Burlington a poor man, but lived a life of untiring industry; and through the careful husbanding of his resources, his unfaltering energy, and laudable ambition, he achieved success, and at his death left a very desirable estate, his realty being valued at thirty thousand dollars. His son, William O., was appointed his executor. Mr. Ewinger was a man of fine physique, six feet and four inches in height, and weighing two hundred and twenty pounds, and he was also noted for his feats of strength. A man of domestic tastes he was devoted to his family, and was also most generous in his contributions to the deserving poor. When prosperity had crowned his efforts, he traveled to a considerable extent, twice returning to the Fatherland, and also visiting the Buffalo Exposition, Denver, Boston, and other cities. He died May 22, 1896, and the funeral services were conducted by Rev. Hurlburt, who spoke in English, and Rev. Holkampt, who spoke in German. His principles were high, his actions manly and sincere, and without ostentation he yet did much good in the

world through the influence which he exerted in his adopted city in behalf of improvement, reform, and the right.

PETER NEES.

THE success which has come to Peter Nees is entirely the result of his own efforts, the reward of a concentrated energy and ambition, and as the architect of his own fortunes he builded wisely and well. There is probably no man in the entire community better known than he is, nor one who is held in higher esteem by his fellow-men.

He is a son of Leonard and Eliza (Hoop) Nees, and was born in Stockstad, Germany, Oct. 23, 1823. His parents gave him a very substantial education in the public schools in his home place, which he attended, as well as the Sunday-schools, till he was twenty-one years old. He also received a thorough education in music, which has been of much pleasure as well as very useful to him in life.

After reaching his majority he learned the florist's business, in which he exhibited great natural ability. In 1850 he decided to try his fortunes beyond the Atlantic, and after being forty-six days on the ocean he landed in New York, and went at once to Pittsburg. Here he grew almost discouraged, as it was a long time before he could find employment; but one evening he took his cornet with him and played some very pretty pieces in front of an attractive house, where his music was appreciated so much that the owner of the house gave him a good supper and a glass of wine, which Mr. Nees relished very much, as it was the first food he had had since early morning. Go-

ing farther down the street he saw two other musicians playing, the one a bass viol and the other a violin. Permission was given him to play with them, which he did for two hours, receiving two dollars and a half and one day's board at the hotel as a compensation for his playing. Thus equipped he went to an adjoining town, where he worked as a hod carrier all that summer. He then traveled all through the large cities of America, maintaining himself by working a few days at a time in each place at anything he might find to do, till 1870, when he came to Burlington, and bought his present farm on the Mason road and Starr Avenue. He at once improved the land, built his house, and erected modern green-houses.

He was married in October, 1861, to Miss Louisa Riecewick. They became the parents of eight children, five of whom were born in St. Louis and three in Burlington: Emma, married William Garrett; William, died aged six months; William, has a harness store at 700 Jefferson Street, Burlington, Iowa; Rose, a resident of Chicago; Oscar, a farmer of South Dakota; Virginia (Mrs. William Dowdie), lives in Burlington; Arthur, a druggist; Otto and Peter, florists, of Chicago.

Mrs. Nees was a great help to her husband, for beside her family and household cares she assisted him in the greenhouse and also in the vegetable garden. For many years she and one of the boys attended regularly early market, supplying many of the people of the city with fresh vegetables and home-made cottage cheese. Mr. Nees usually brought a load of potted plants and cut flowers, and if he did not dispose of them at the market, he would go round to

Third and Jefferson Streets, where he always found a ready sale for his pretty plants. He seemed to be very fond of children, and was very generous to them with his flowers, and on his return trip home, nearly always had a load of little folks whom he was taking for a ride. His musical voice attracted everybody, old and young; and as he was always yodeling, either when walking or standing at his accustomed corner with his plants, his friends always knew he was around long before they saw him.

Mrs. Nees died May 16, 1899, and is buried in Aspen Grove cemetery, and since then Mr. Nees has lived alone at the old home place, where he still raises about five thousand plants annually. On account of the advanced age of our subject he does not get to town as often as he used to do, but his friends and customers go to him for plants, cut flowers, prepared soil, and general advice for the care of shrubs and plants. His energy, activity, integrity, and progressive spirit, together with a cultivated natural ability, have been the means of his prosperity in his line of business, and he receives the respect and good-will of the people everywhere. Besides his daily labors with his hands he has also been enriching his mental sphere, till his mind is like a storehouse, filled with knowledge acquired from his early and thorough education, from general reading and observation, and above all from his extensive travels; and the writer is justified in saying that it is very rarely indeed that one meets with a man so well posted on all subjects and so thoroughly acquainted with the manners and customs of people of so many different places.

JOHN A. UHLER.

IN no country is such scope furnished for individual enterprise as in America, and it is a matter of pride with us that this is so; but while in all lines of life advancement depends upon personal effort and merit, it is especially true that progress in the learned trades or professions results from individual accomplishment; and when one has attained success and prominence, therefore, it is indicative of talent and skill. John Adam Uhler is a son of Uriah and Elizabeth (Boger) Uhler, who were both born in Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, the father in 1835, and the mother in 1833. The father of our subject learned the trade of a cabinet-maker in Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, with Joseph Troxel, father of John Troxel, the furniture dealer, in Burlington, Iowa. He later turned his attention to carpenter work, but finally drifted back to the cabinet-maker's trade, in Anville, where he was foreman for years in the building where our subject afterward learned his trade—that of a cabinet-maker.

Mr. Uhler was married three times, and became the father of twelve children, of whom five are now living. His first wife, Elizabeth (Boger) Uhler, died in 1871, when a little later, he married Miss Sarah Dontrich, who died in 1875, who was the mother of three children, all of whom are dead. The third wife was, in maidenhood, Miss Caroline Long, who still resides at the old home in Anville, Lebanon county, Pa., where her three children, Lucy, Carrie, and Harry, all reside.

Mr. Uhler, of this review, has four sisters, as follows: Mary Jane, born Oct. 7, 1862, married Henry Hershey, and lives in Hummelstown, Pa.; Elizabeth, born in

1868, is a resident of Burlington, Iowa; Alice Minerva, born in March, 1871, is the wife of George Phreamer, and they live in Eureka, Cal.; Sarah Ann, born in October, 1859, married Henry Barnhart, who lives in Anville, Pa.

The father of our subject died in his native home in 1892. He was a Republican, but did not seek office. He and his first wife were devoted members of the United Brethren church, where his father was a trustee for some years. John A. Uhler was born in Anville, Lebanon county, Pa., Oct. 7, 1855, where he received his early education. At the age of fifteen years he began to learn the trade of a cabinet-maker, receiving twelve dollars a year for his services and an allowance of eight dollars, which made about twenty dollars for one year's work. It took him about one and a half years to complete his trade, when he went to Harrisburg, Pa., to assist in the building of a large furnace as a common laborer; but when he got there, he was asked where his tools were, and he told the foreman, who was a friend and schoolmate of his father's, that he was not to do carpenter work, and so had no tools. This friend took special interest in Mr. Uhler, and assisted him in many ways, advising him how to secure a box of tools, and telling him to go at once to work with the carpenters, which he did, and received as compensation one dollar and seventy-five cents a day.

At the end of three months he was employed as one of the carpenters who helped to build the Masonic temple at Harrisburg, Pa., which is still standing. The contractors, recognizing his skill and ability as a mechanic, raised his wages the second week from nine dollars a week to twelve dollars a week. When the panic of 1873 came on,

a great many of the carpenters had to be laid off, and Mr. Uhler, knowing this, and fearing he would be one of them, applied at once, one morning by daylight, to a prominent contractor by the name of Wilson, who always employed a great number of men, for a job, and was successful. In the fall of 1873 he went to the foot of the Blue Mountains — the village of Rankstown — where he was a partner of an uncle in the erection of some houses and the making of furniture, which in those days was mostly hand-made.

In 1874 he came to Burlington, Iowa, where he first worked for two weeks at nine dollars a week at Quick's Mill, now called Union Furniture Company. He then worked for a few weeks on two farms for friends, when he returned to Burlington and to his first love, that of a carpenter. Mr. Richard Howard was at that time one of the leading carpenters of the city, and noting the determination of young Uhler to succeed, either in the city or in the country, agreed to employ him for one day, which gave such good results, that Mr. Howard employed him till winter set in, shutting off all outdoor work.

After spending the winter in the East, Mr. Uhler again returned to Burlington, and was again employed by Mr. Howard, working on the P. H. Smythe house, the Starr house, and others till 1877, when he and J. W. McClean formed a partnership. Their first contract was that of the residence of the late E. M. Burt, on the corner of Fifth and Spring Streets. Their business increased steadily till they were soon numbered among the leading contractors of the city. They had the contract for the wood work of the stone front block on Fourth and Jefferson Streets, owned by Mrs. C. P.

Squires, E. H. Carpenter, and John M. Gregg. They also had the contract for the carpenter work for the Gregg building, on the corner of Third and Division Streets, and many others. In March, 1882, this firm dissolved partnership, when Mr. Uhler took charge of the shipping and retail department of Gilbert Hedge Company, of Burlington, Iowa. After filling this responsible position for twelve years, he was employed by the same company as a traveling salesman, making frequent trips in southern Iowa, northern Missouri, southeastern Nebraska, and western Illinois, till 1903, when he severed his connection with this firm, and became a prosperous lumber broker — being a manufacturers' agent, selling posts, poles, and shingles. He uses a very unique postal to announce his coming. His business is constantly growing, and he has connection with the largest manufacturers of lumber, selling white pine from the home manufactories, as well as Minnesota and Wisconsin, and Pacific Coast lumber and shingles; he also sells yellow pine from Louisiana, Arkansas, and Mississippi; Louisiana red cypress from Louisiana, California redwood from San Francisco, white cedar posts and poles from Wisconsin and Michigan; red cedar posts and poles from Tennessee; white and red oak stock from Arkansas. His office is located in his home in Burlington.

On Oct. 2, 1879, Mr. Uhler married Miss Ida M. Barlow, daughter of William F. and Sarah E. (Babcock) Barlow, who was born in Monmouth, Ill., Feb. 26, 1859. Mrs. Uhler attended the Monmouth schools in her youth; and when her parents located in Burlington, she became a pupil in the city schools, where she graduated from the high school in June, 1878. Mr. Barlow was born in Kentucky, June 6, 1831, and located in

Burlington, Iowa, in 1869, where he worked for many years in the carpentering department of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad shops. He was a devoted member of the Baptist church. Mr. Barlow died Sept. 6, 1877, and is buried in Monmouth beside his children. Mrs. Barlow resides in Burlington with her daughter, Mrs. Uhler, and still retains some of the home property.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Barlow were born five children: Frank W., also a graduate of the Burlington high school, who now resides in Denver, Colo. He has one daughter, Blanch, the wife of Christian Kumm, who also has one daughter. They reside in Denver: Ida M., wife of subject; and two daughters and one son, who died when very young.

Mr. and Mrs. Uhler have been blessed with three children: Perle, born Feb. 14, 1881, a graduate of the Burlington Institute, possessing a sweet soprano voice, and who also assists her father in his large office work; Edna, born March 29, 1882, also a graduate of the Burlington Institute, and a piano teacher in the Lombard College at Galesburg, Ill., during the winters of 1901-02 and 1902-03. Since then she has had one of the largest music classes in the city. Oct. 4, 1905, she was married to William F. Gilman, son of H. H. Gilman, of Burlington, Iowa. Mr. Gilman is the bookkeeper of the Burlington Lumber Company. He and his charming wife reside on the South Hill. Mrs. Gilman is still a member of the Phi Beta Society, and is assistant secretary of the Woman's Musical Club and corresponding secretary of the City Federation of woman's clubs. John Arthur Uhler was born April 15, 1897, and is a student in Saunderson's school. Mr. Uhler has been a

member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen since 1877 — Red Cross Lodge, No. 242 — and has passed all of the chairs. He is also a member of Iowa Camp, No. 98, of Modern Woodmen of America; also belongs to the Travelers' Protective Association, known as the T. P. A. of Burlington. He is also identified with the State Traveling Men's Association, of Des Moines.

Mr. and Mrs. Uhler and family and Mrs. Barlow are devoted members of the Congregational church. In 1901 Mr. Uhler built his handsome and substantial residence at 207 Marietta Street, where he now resides. He is a self-made man, as this record shows full well, and has gradually made strides of success till he now has a goodly portion of this world's goods. He is a very genial and pleasant man, and has hundreds of friends, not only in his home city, but all along the line where he does business.

CHARLES WOODCOCK.

To know Charles Woodcock is to honor and respect him, for in all of life's relations he has ever been true to upright principles. His capability has been the success of his business career, for without the aid of influential friends or of wealth he has worked his way upward till to-day he is one of the leading contractors in the city. He is a son of Thomas and Anna (Hollyoake) Woodcock, and was born in Tannerth, near Hockleyheath, Warwickshire, England, Dec. 15, 1836. His father was a native of England, and was born in 1798. His mother was born in Warwickshire, England, in 1800. They were married in England, and

came to America in 1858 on a vessel named "South Hampton," which came up the St. Lawrence River to Quebec, and made the trip in twelve days. They settled in Canaan township, Henry county, near Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, where the father bought a farm of sixty acres, upon which place he lived and farmed till he died in 1881. Mrs. Woodcock died in 1879. They were the parents of ten children, of whom three are living: James, born in February, 1826, lives in his birthplace, Warwickshire, England; Emma, married Thomas Shaffer, who was killed in the army at Memphis in 1863, during the Civil War. She married for her second husband Riley Forbes, a farmer of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and he, too, is dead, leaving one child. Mrs. Forbes, who also has one child by her first husband, resides in Mt. Pleasant. Charles is the subject of this review.

He attended the schools in his native place, where his parents had to pay two cents a week for his tuition, and between times learned the trade of a bricklayer with his father, who carried on this trade with much success. After he came to America in 1858, he attended the Howe Academy at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, where he took a commercial course, and thus learned much of the American business methods. Mr. Woodcock went back and forth between Mt. Pleasant and Burlington, working part of the time on the farm and part of the time at odd jobs in the city above named till 1872, when he settled in Burlington and finished his trade with Simeon Russell. He continued doing journeymen's work till 1887, when he began contracting. Among the prominent buildings he has erected are: the Burlington hospital, James Moir's residence, the addition to Mercy hospital, and

many other private homes. He has laid brick walks in all parts of the city, and has also built hundreds of cisterns. Mr. Woodcock celebrated the national independence day, July 4, 1869, by marrying Miss Mary Cochran, who is a daughter of Matthew and Ann (Kennedy) Cochran, and was born in Galena, Ill., April 23, 1851. Her parents died when she was very young, and she moved to Iowa in early girlhood. Her father settled in Mt. Pleasant, where he died, and left seven children, of whom four are living: Margaret Cochran, married Mr. McGinley, and lives in Dubuque, Iowa; Timothy, a farmer residing near Oberlin, Kans.; Edward, a farmer, and also lives near Oberlin; and Mrs. Woodcock, wife of our subject.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodcock have been blessed with ten children: Emma, is at home; Clarence, married Miss Teresa Shaffer, owns and conducts the brick-yard formerly owned by Henry Ritter, and they have three children, Margaret, Laura, and Dorothy; Julia, married Ewing Isham, has one daughter, Myrtle, and lives in Texas; Dora, bookkeeper for the Tabor Burns Company, of Burlington; Charles, Jr., married Miss Julia Ritter, and has one son, Henry; he has a brick-yard on Sunnyside Avenue, in Burlington; Samuel, married Miss Tillie Long, and has two sons, and is a brick contractor residing on Garfield Avenue, in Burlington; Myrtle, a student in the high school; Birdie, died when three years of age; Theodore, died when three months old; Earl Lewis, died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodcock have endeavored to give each of their children a substantial education in the grammar schools, and several of them also attended the business college, of which Samuel is a graduate. It

is a great satisfaction to the parents to see them all so comfortably settled in life. When the call was made for men to defend this country during the Civil War, Mr. Woodcock enlisted in the Nineteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry at Mt. Pleasant, in 1862. From this time until 1865, when the war closed, he was located in the frontier army most of the time, and was honorably discharged at Springfield, Mo. After this he returned home.

In politics he is a Republican, but generally votes for the man whom he considers best qualified to serve the people. Though ever ready to do his full duty, yet Mr. Woodcock does not aspire to public office of any kind. Mr. and Mrs. Woodcock are devoted members of St. Paul's Catholic church, and so are their daughters. Mr. Woodcock belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic, and Mrs. Woodcock is a member of the Relief Corps.

When this household was first established, Mr. Woodcock bought a lot at 910 Linden Street, from Simeon Russell, and resided in a cottage for many years. As time advanced he was enabled each year to lay by some of his income, which in 1892 had accumulated so that he removed the cottage and replaced it with a beautiful modern residence, in which he now lives. He and his worthy wife have worked hand in hand, and deserve many words of praise. Mr. Woodcock surely has been the architect of his own fortunes, for he has worked early and late, beginning in life with exceedingly low wages. He possesses a large, warm heart, and is of an unusually cheerful disposition, while his business methods are along those lines that lead to integrity and uprightness, and thus has friends by the score all through the community.

THOMAS K. HURLBUT.

As one of the very early settlers and large landholders of Des Moines county, Thomas K. Hurlbut is widely known throughout this portion of the State, and as a man of liberal education and broad views, he has always exercised a marked influence upon the side of true progress in the community where he resides. He has been a citizen of Danville township since his first settlement in the county, and now occupies a pleasant home on his magnificent farm of one hundred and forty acres in Section 27. Mr. Hurlbut is a native of West Hartford, Conn., where he was born April 22, 1817, in the old Webster house in which the famous Noah Webster was born. Mr. Hurlbut's grandfather having purchased the house and farm from the father of Noah Webster. He is the son of Samuel and Catherine (Goodman) Hurlbut, being descended on the paternal side from Puritan ancestors who settled in the colonies in the year 1635; while in the maternal line his genealogy is traced to the Goodmans who came over in the "Mayflower."

Samuel Hurlbut was born in Wethersfield, Conn., and was by trade a shoemaker, a trade which he learned from his father, who was a shoemaker and tanner. He followed his trade until several years after his marriage, when he began cultivating the old Webster farm, continuing in this occupation until his death, which occurred in the seventy-fourth year of his age. He was a member of the Congregational church, and in his political faith was originally a Whig, but joined the Republican party on its organization. He was a man of progressive tendencies, and by the exercise of industry and natural talent acquired a com-

petence and genuine prosperity. Catherine Goodman Hurlbut was born in Hartford, Conn., and died at the age of forty-six years, leaving a family comprising one son and four daughters, of which Thomas K., the subject of this review, is the only surviving member. She, like her husband, was identified with the Congregational church, in which she was a prominent and devoted worker. Both parents are buried in West Hartford, Conn.

The early education of Mr. Hurlbut was received in the public schools near the place of his birth, and he remained at home until he was eighteen years of age, when a desire for further progress along intellectual lines led him to become a student in an academy near the city of Rochester, N. Y. On completing his studies at that place, he returned to the home farm in Connecticut, and resumed the work of assisting his father in the conduct of the farm. This he continued for one year, at the termination of which period he traveled westward to Cincinnati in company with a college friend, they making the trip with a horse and buggy and selling books on the way — a method of paying expenses which proved both pleasant and profitable. He did not long remain at Cincinnati, but struck boldly forth into the untried West beyond the Mississippi River, and in 1837 came to Iowa, locating on the farm which he still occupies. He entered a quarter section of land, which he soon placed under cultivation. The farm has been developed by his efforts and under his direction in a very high degree, and he has erected a large and substantial dwelling-house, as well as numerous other buildings, which are constructed according to the most improved methods, and constitute a monument to

his enterprising spirit. In fact the farm is one of the model agricultural establishments of Des Moines county, and here Mr. Hurlbut has engaged in general farming and stock-raising with conspicuous success. It is becoming generally recognized in recent years that the successful conduct of a farm requires the exercise of business ability of the highest order, and that Mr. Hurlbut has succeeded in the face of great difficulties is the surest proof of his natural talents and the firmness of his purpose. The present acreage does not represent the full extent of his holdings, as he at one time purchased an additional tract of one hundred and twenty-three acres; but this he sold about three years ago, the transaction yielding him a handsome profit.

At Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1848, Mr. Hurlbut was united in marriage to Miss Jane Tweedy, who was born in Ohio, a daughter of James and Margaret (Kirk) Tweedy, both of whom died in Ohio when Mrs. Hurlbut was a mere child. To Mr. and Mrs. Hurlbut have been born twelve children, as follows: Charlotte E., who died unmarried at the age of twenty-seven years; William H., who resides at Danville, Iowa, and a sketch of whose successful career appears elsewhere in this volume; Charles, who is engaged in agriculture and stock-raising on his father's farm; Jennie, who is at home; Lucy, who was the wife of Wallace Stevenson, of Nebraska, and is now deceased, leaving two daughters, May and Nellie, who reside with the family of our subject; Emma, who is at home; Fannie, who died at the age of eighteen years; Frank, who was an inventor of great talents, but died in the midst of his promising career at the age of thirty-nine years; Katherine G., who died in 1904, aged thirty-nine

years; Sallie, who is the wife of Howard Foster, of Shenandoah, Iowa, and has one son, Harvey; Della, who is the wife of William Kolb, a farmer of Danville township, and has one daughter, Katherine L.; and John, who died in infancy, at the age of one year.

Mr. Hurlburt is a man of broad and charitable views and impulses, and has always been an interested student of public questions; and while he has been a lifelong supporter of the great Republican party, in whose declared principles he is a firm believer, he has never sought recognition through public office. A modest estimate of his own worth has always been characteristic of him, but at the same time he attacked the hard problems of life in a new country with aggressiveness and unwavering determination. Depending exclusively upon his own efforts, he has acquired ample resources and surrounded himself and family with the comforts of life. On the other hand, he has at no time neglected the higher interests of life, and has devoted much time, money, and thought to works of philanthropy and religion. He and Mrs. Hurlbut have been for many years devoted members of the Congregational church, in whose work and that of the great cause for which it stands they have labored with unceasing fidelity; and for a long term of years he held the office of trustee of the church, discharging the duties of that position with the same distinguished ability which have marked the conduct of his private affairs. A good neighbor, a loyal friend, and a man of strong and spotless character, he has made many friends, won the respect and esteem of all who know him, and now, in the evening of his years, finds himself rich in the possession of an honored name.

FRANK MILLARD.

FRANK MILLARD, for years one of the prominent and enterprising business men of Burlington, and now in his retirement from labor occupying one of the finest homes of the city, which from its height on Prospect hill commands an excellent view of the city, with its industrial and commercial interests, and the river, with its traffic and its pleasure craft, was born in Hampton, Washington county, N. Y., Oct. 7, 1831. His father, Ashley Millard, was a native of Rhode Island, and a cousin of President Millard Fillmore, whose mother was a daughter of Dr. Abiatha Millard, of Pittsfield, Mass., a sister of the grandfather of Frank Millard. The wife of Ashley Millard bore the maiden name of Polly Peck, and her family were originally from Connecticut, where they were well connected and highly esteemed.

Frank Millard spent his early life upon a farm in Washington county, New York, and ere his removal to the West he was married, in Warsaw, N. Y., in 1862, to Miss Annie I. Catlett, a daughter of Bradley S. Catlett. Three children were born of this union, two sons and a daughter, Courtney, Homer, and Emma.

In 1864 Mr. Millard arrived in Iowa, locating in Burlington, where he engaged in the lumber business in company with his brother George, and William E. Thompson, under the name of Frank Millard & Company. This connection was continued until 1879, when Mr. Millard sold his interest and engaged in the paint and oil trade, which he carried on until 1881, when he purchased the interest of Gilbert, Hedge & Company, in the Cascade Lumber Company, and was elected president of the or-

ganization. This company was formed in April, 1880, the incorporators being Gilbert, Hedge & Company, W. S. Berry, H. H. Gilman, and Charles Putnam. Thomas Hedge, Sr., was elected president; John Gilbert, vice-president; and Charles Putnam, secretary. The business was first established and the mill placed in operation by the firm of Berry & Gilman in 1876, and in 1878 A. Kaiser was admitted to a partnership, the firm of Kaiser & Berry continuing the business until 1880, when the Cascade Company was organized and succeeded to the business, the owners being Gilbert, Hedge & Company until 1881, when Mr. Millard bought them out. He was elected president and treasurer, with W. S. Berry as vice-president, and R. G. Saunderson as secretary. These gentlemen, with H. H. Gilman, Charles Putnam, and the Burlington Insurance Company, are the stockholders. The mill was situated on the Mississippi River, near the southern limits of the city, at the foot of the bluff of Crapo Park, at what is known as Cascade, on the Keokuk branch of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. Employment was furnished to from fifty to sixty hands, and the annual capacity was seven million feet of lumber. Mr. Millard continued with the Cascade Lumber Company until the plant was destroyed by fire in 1896. Later he became identified with J. D. Harmer & Company, who operated a lumber and planing mill, and manufactured sash and doors, acting as manager of the business, and largely furnishing the funds necessary for the conduct of the enterprise. When the business failed some months after, Mr. Millard having withdrawn therefrom, he was appointed receiver for the bondholders, and the business was sold,

since which time he has lived a retired life. The Frank Millard Company was organized in 1901 for the purpose of conducting a wholesale and retail business in lime and cement, A. A. McArthur, son-in-law of Mr. Millard, being the active manager, the latter partner being only financially interested.

In 1868 Mr. Millard was called upon to mourn the loss of his first wife, who died at her father's house in Warsaw, N. Y. In 1871, at Galesburg, Ill., he married Miss Ella Blannerhasset Hewson, a daughter of Francis D. Hewson, of Toronto, Canada. At the summit of one of the highest bluffs along the Mississippi River, just opposite and above the Iowa approach to the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad bridge, stands the Millard residence, from whose windows there can be obtained magnificent views of a most attractive landscape, overlooking the commercial center of Burlington, as well as many of its homes, the Union depot with its outgoing and incoming trains, and the broad river, with its freight and passenger boats and pleasure craft, and is one of the finest homes of the city.

In politics always a staunch Democrat, he has often been urged to accept a nomination for alderman, or for the mayoralty, but has always declined; yet for a number of years he has been a member of the board of education, the public-school system having in him a strong champion.

ARTHUR WILLIAM SAARMANN.

ARTHUR WILLIAM SAARMANN, who is now engaged as a farmer in Flint River township, where he is the possessor of eighty acres which has been acquired en-

tirely through his own labor, industry, and careful management, was born in the above-named township, Jan. 29, 1878. He is the son of Gotlieb and Mary (Saarmann) Westerbeck, and the adopted son of William and Frederica (Huseman) Saarmann. His own mother was a native of Germany, and was married to Mr. Westerbeck in Des Moines county, Iowa, and died in Flint River township July 7, 1878. Her husband has been a resident of the village of Fontanelle, Washington County, Nebr., for the past twenty-five years. He was a carpenter for many years, when by accident he lost one of his eyes, and later, by disease, lost the other one, thus making him totally blind. Mr. and Mrs. Westerbeck were the parents of eight children: Emma; Philip; Lydia; William, died aged one year; William, 2d; John; Caroline, died aged one year; and Arthur William, of this review.

Mr. Saarmann, the foster father of our subject, died Jan. 18, 1896, aged fifty-six years, and his widow makes her home with her adopted son. Mr. and Mrs. Saarmann never had any children of their own, but out of the generosity of their hearts they took our subject and his sister Lydia, who married C. J. Mumme, and did by them as their own flesh and blood. Mr. and Mrs. Mumme reside on Section 15, in Flint River township. His foster parents educated Mr. Saarmann in the district school, and reared him to be a farmer, which vocation he has always followed. He now owns eighty acres of land in the township where he was born, besides having the general supervision of the old home place on Section 16. His interests are devoted to general farming and stock-raising. He has a fine home, and one that is enhancing in value all the time. His marriage occurred April 23, 1902,

when he wedded Miss Clara M. Luecking, daughter of Henry and Hannah (Swartz) Luecking. They have only one son, Irwin, born Jan. 21, 1903. They are both consistent members of the German Lutheran church, where Mr. Saarmann has been the efficient Sunday-school superintendent for the past four years. Politically, he is a strong Democrat, but never cared to hold any office. Mr. Saarmann is only a little over twenty-seven years old at this writing, being among the younger farmers in his township, yet his success in business has been gratifying, while the care and devotion of his adopted mother has always been very commendable, and his social standing and good name above reproach.

HENRY A. BINKELE.

THE State of Iowa is greatly indebted to its citizens of German birth and blood, who have done much to build it up to its present imperial proportions. They are a careful and conservative people, industrious in their habits, economical in their manner of life, and as a body are ever found on the moral side of every question. It is always safe to appeal to their better nature. Every great reform has found among them stanch adherents. They are the most persistent friends of a uniform and general public education.

Mr. Binkele, whose name appears above, is a noteworthy representative of an old German family, being born in Baden, Germany, March 27, 1878, the son of Henry A. and Catherine (Baer) Binkele, who are still living in the same place where he was born.

Mr. Binkele received his education in the world-famed public schools of Germany, attending them for eight years, after which he attended the Landwirthschaftliche Aker Bauschule, or Agricultural College, for six months. As he was reared on a farm, and thus became thoroughly familiar with the practical work of the farm, after he had finished his course at the Agricultural College, he followed the vocation of farmer until he came to America.

He came to America in October, 1894, coming by way of New York direct to Morton, Ill. Here he began life in his new environment by working as a farm hand. After remaining near Morton for two years, he made a change, going to Cissna Park, Ill., where he remained for one year. His next move was to Peoria, Ill., where he left farming, and worked at the Keystone Wire Works for three or four years. After this time his natural love for the free life of the country induced him to give up the confinement of city work, and he came to Des Moines county, Iowa, working in the general store of I. C. Thompson, in Oakville, for one year. He then moved onto the farm owned by Daniel Mangold, where he now resides, this being his second year on the place.

Mr. Binkele was married Nov. 9, 1902, to Miss Emma Gerst, daughter of Henry and Catherine (Graul) Gerst. Mrs. Binkele is also of German birth, having been born at Würtemberg, Germany. In August, 1893, she came to America with her parents, who are both still living, making their home in Des Moines county.

To Mr. and Mrs. Binkele have been born two children: Frieda, born Sept.

12, 1903; and Henry Abraham, born March 3, 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Binkele are members of the Christian Apostolic church, and are young people of such sterling integrity and intrinsic strength of character that their many friends look to them to do much for the advancement of neighborhood interests, as well as to earn many material blessings for themselves during the next decade or two.

ISAAC JAMES YOHE.

ISAAC JAMES YOHE, whom to know is to respect and honor because of his well-spent and upright life, has long been identified with agricultural interests in Franklin township, and is also well known in the county because of his activity in political circles. He likewise has wide acquaintance throughout the State as a prominent representative of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, June 16, 1849, and is a son of Daniel and Margaret (McPherson) Yohe. In both the paternal and maternal lines he is descended from ancestors who were in the American army in the Revolutionary War. The Yohes came to this country in 1680, with the first German emigrants who established homes in Pennsylvania. They settled near Easton, where they followed the occupation of farming, and Michael Yohe, the great-great-grandfather of the subject of this review, was one of the organizers of the First Lutheran church established west of the Alleghany mountains. When the Colonies could no longer endure the yoke of British oppression, and rose in arms against the mother country, he joined

the Colonial troops, and after the republic was established, he was granted a patent to land in recognition of his services, and located this in Washington county, being one of the first to secure land in that county after that manner. Isaac Yohe, the grandfather, was a soldier of the War of 1812, serving as a captain in a Pennsylvania regiment. Again the loyalty and valor of the family was demonstrated, when in the Civil War Daniel Yohe, father of our subject, became a lieutenant with the Pennsylvania State troops. He was in active service twice, taking part in the battle of Gettysburg. Among the maternal ancestors of our subject were also those who served in the war for independence.

Daniel Yohe, the father, was both a farmer and a blacksmith, and through the dual pursuit he provided for his family. He continued his residence in Washington county, Pennsylvania, until 1868, when, removing to the West, he became a resident of Washington township, Des Moines county, where he was engaged in farming for a year. He then purchased a tract of land of two hundred and forty acres near Allerton, Wayne county, Iowa. This, in 1869, was new land, whereon he made improvements, and there resided, actively engaged in farming until he retired from business life on account of old age, and resided until his death at the home of his son, Thomas Yohe, in Lincoln, Kans. He passed away in July, 1903, and his remains were interred at Lincoln. He was married on the 1st of March, 1844, in Washington county, Pennsylvania, to Miss Margaret McPherson, a daughter of Robert and Mary (Russell) McPherson. They became the parents of eleven children, of whom Isaac J. was the third in order of birth. Both Mr.

and Mrs. Yohe held membership in the Lutheran church, and he acted as an elder in the church in Washington county, Pennsylvania. He was also a justice of the peace for twenty-five years, and his decisions were marked by strict equity and a due regard for the law in the case. His political support was given the Democracy. His wife passed away in Pennsylvania, May 4, 1867.

Isaac Yohe acquired his early education in the public schools of Pennsylvania, and afterward became a student in Howe's Academy at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, which he attended for two terms. He took up his abode in this county in 1868, settling in Franklin township, where he has since lived. In his younger years he learned the painter's trade, which he followed for four years, and his savings during that period enabled him to make his first purchase of land. He bought forty acres of land on Section 16, Franklin township, which he improved from the original timber, erecting substantial buildings thereon, and transforming his tract into productive fields. In 1886 he bought eighty acres on Section 4, Franklin township, and he also owns one hundred acres adjoining in Yellow Springs township, purchasing a part of it in 1895 and the remainder in 1896. He is a general farmer and stock-feeder, having no specialties in his work, but in all the departments of his labor is energetic and enterprising, and carries forward to successful completion whatever claims his attention. He was also one of the original stockholders and incorporators of the Mediapolis Mutual Telephone Company, and his keen sagacity, enterprise, and strong purpose have been salient factors in his success.

On the 24th of November, 1875, Mr. Yohe was married to Miss Mary McDonald,

who died in 1892, leaving four children: Ramon, who is a farmer at Elk City, Kans.; James, Margaret, and Leslie, all at home. His first wife was a daughter of James McDonald, one of the early settlers of this county, and she was born in Franklin township in 1851. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Yohe was again married in 1896, his second union being with America Wright, who was born in Franklin township, May 16, 1853, and is a daughter of John and Nancy (Woolsey) Wright, who were among the pioneer settlers of this township, the father being a respected farmer of the locality for many years. The daughter was reared and educated here. Both Mr. and Mrs. Yohe are devout members of the Predestinarian Baptist denomination, holding membership in the old stone church, which was organized in February, 1840, and is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, Baptist churches in the State. Mr. Yohe served as one of its deacons for many years, and has taken an active and helpful part in its work, contributing generously to its support. He affiliates with the Odd Fellows' Lodge, No. 326, at Sperry, Iowa; has held all of the offices in the local lodge, and has also been district deputy grand master. He is a broad-minded, intelligent man, keeping well informed on the general questions and issues of the day, political and otherwise, and his efforts in behalf of public progress in his adopted county have been far-reaching and beneficial. A genial manner, deference to the opinions of others, kindness, and loyalty to high principles, have made him one of the most respected citizens of Franklin township, esteemed by all with whom he has come in contact, while within the closer circle of his friendship, and home life he has endeared

himself to many who know him. Since age gave to him the right of franchise, he has supported the Democratic party, and has been township trustee for six years, and clerk for four years. He is still active in the party work, and his services are greatly depended upon, for he is a capable campaign worker, getting out the vote for the candidates of the party. Indeed, he enters heartily into everything that he undertakes, and his enthusiasm and interest are basic elements in the successful accomplishment of his life work.

FRED RICKMAN.

A CAREFUL and methodical farmer, a conscientious citizen, and a good neighbor and friend, Fred Rickman has established a record of which his friends may well be proud. Mr. Rickman is a son of James and Mary (Houn) Rickman, and is a native of Germany, his birth occurring Feb. 3, 1864. His father emigrated to America in 1890 and settled in Flint River township, where he devoted his time to farming. His life in America was very short, as he died in two years, his death occurring Christmas day, 1893.

Our subject attended the district schools in his native land, after which he worked on his father's farm till he was twenty years old. In 1884 he sailed for America, coming by way of New York, where he remained for three months, after which he came direct to Burlington. He at once took up the life of a farmer, and in 1887, three years prior to his father's arrival, he purchased a farm of forty acres in Flint River valley,

where he immediately arranged things for a permanent residence, and has devoted his time ever since to truck gardening. He finds a ready sale for his vegetables, which are of the best, as he does also for his fine poultry.

Mr. Rickman married Miss Annie Meyer, March 10, 1888. Mrs. Rickman was a daughter of William and Mary Meyer, who were natives of Germany. Mrs. Rickman died Feb. 28, 1896, leaving our subject with four motherless children: Anna, Laura, Minnie, and Fred; Ina preceded her mother to the better land about a year, her death occurring May 25, 1895, aged two years. The children are all at home with their parents. Mr. Rickman was again married, April 8, 1897, to Miss Fannie Loddeka, who is a daughter of William and Anna (Merkeng) Loddeka. She was born in Hanover, Germany, April 15, 1874. At the age of twenty Mrs. Rickman came alone to America, arriving in Homestead, Iowa, Sept. 1, 1895. After remaining here eight months she came to Burlington, where she made her home till she was married. By this marriage four children were born, namely: Emma, William, Walter, and Clarence.

Politically, Mr. Rickman is a Democrat, but always acts to the best of his judgment according to the aspirant for office. Mr. and Mrs. Rickman are members of the Lutheran church. He is a man of retiring disposition, his interest centering in his home, and he finds his greatest delight in providing for the happiness and welfare of his family, for whom he has provided a very comfortable residence. In business he sustains a high reputation for reliability and enterprise, and those who know him best, prize his friendship most highly.

IRA M. McNAUGHT.

IRA M. McNAUGHT, who now resides in the city of Mediapolis, Iowa, was born in Des Moines county, Iowa, Jan. 26, 1872, the son of George W. and Melinda (Adams) McNaught. The father was born in Knox county, Illinois, on July 22, 1847, and lived there till he was a man grown, engaged in farming. About 1868 he came to Des Moines county, Iowa, and engaged in farming here for a number of years, returning in 1875, when his son Ira was three years of age, to the old home place in Knox county, Illinois, where he lived till his death, which occurred Jan. 17, 1882. He was a Republican in politics, and was a conscientious believer in the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a member and supporter.

The mother of our subject was born in Missouri, Oct. 25, 1851, and received her early education at the place of her birth, where she remained till the time of her marriage. During her early life she was a member of the Christian church, but after her marriage she went with her husband into the Methodist church. She is still living, making her home in Stark county, Illinois. She was married a second time, taking as her second husband Presley Terrell, a retired farmer.

Ira M. McNaught was the oldest of a family of five children born to Mr. and Mrs. George W. McNaught. The other members of the family are as follows: Charles E., resides in Kansas, where he follows the occupation of farming and gardening; George A., is a prosperous merchant in Moline, Ill.; William A., who is a fireman on the railroad, makes his

home in Galesburg, Ill.; and John H., died in infancy.

Mr. McNaught obtained his education in the district schools of Knox county, Illinois, and at the same time assisted with the work on the home farm till he was ten years of age. He then went to Atchison, Kans., and engaged in work at the packing-house. He worked there for some eight months, then undertook to learn the painter's trade, and was in the employment of the man from whom he learned the trade for eight years. At the expiration of that time he left Atchison, Kans., and returned to Knox county, Illinois; there he followed his trade for a few years, after which he came to Burlington, where he followed his trade for part of the time, and also acted as clerk at the Pauly House, and engaged in farming in Jackson township for a short time.

When the Spanish War broke out, and the call was issued for volunteers, Mr. McNaught was among the number of brave men who responded to the call. He enlisted at Des Moines, Iowa, in Company E, of the Fifteenth Cavalry of the United States regular army. They went to Presidio, Cal., where they were in camp for six weeks; then to Bencia Barracks, Cal., where they remained for seven months. After that they returned to Presidio, where they remained till the troops left for the Philippine Islands. When the time came for the troops to embark, Mr. McNaught was in the hospital. It was found that he could not remain in the army because of a defect in his hearing, and other disability, therefore he was discharged.

After receiving his discharge, he returned home to Burlington, and followed

agriculture for a year, farming on the land owned by his father-in-law, William Fichthorn, in Jackson township. The next year he removed to Mediapolis, where he has since made his home, engaged as a painter and paper-hanger.

Jan. 10, 1903, Mr. McNaught was united in marriage to Miss Mattie Fichthorn, who was born in Huron township, this county, the daughter of William Fichthorn, a complete sketch of whose life appears elsewhere in this volume. Mrs. McNaught was educated in the schools of Jackson township, and later at Elliott's Business College, in Burlington. She is of a genial, sunny disposition, and has made her home a synonym for hospitality among her friends, who are many. Both she and her husband are devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and can be counted upon to assist in its enterprises, and generously support its philanthropies. In politics Mr. McNaught is a Republican, ever devoted to his party, its principles, and its chosen leaders.

Mr. McNaught has had a varied career for a man so young, and has known what it is to attain success solely by his own efforts, having started out on a self-supporting career at an age when most boys are still living closely guarded lives among all the protecting influences of home. In all these various relations of life, whether acting as a business man, a soldier, or a citizen, he has commanded uniform confidence and respect, and has made for himself a splendid reputation, while in his home and among his friends he has displayed the sterling traits of manhood that ever command good-will and confidence.

JOHN H. GEAR.

AMONG the men of prominence in Iowa was John H. Gear, deceased, who began life in a very quiet, humble way, but by his own integrity and ability succeeded in occupying all of the offices within the gift of the State. He was the tenth gentleman to occupy the executive chair of Iowa, and was a native of the Empire State, where, in the city of Ithaca, he was born April 7, 1825, being the only son born to Rev. E. G. and Miranda E. (Cook) Gear. His father was born in New London, Conn., in 1792, and became a distinguished Protestant Episcopal clergyman, being ordained in 1816, and served for many years various congregations in western New York. In 1836 he came to northern Illinois, where he remained till 1838, when he received the appointment as chaplain in the United States army while located at Fort Snelling, Minn. His life was long and active, doing much good, and he quitted his labors in the year 1874, at the advanced age of eighty-two years.

In 1843 Mr. Gear came to Burlington, when still a young man, and here he continued to reside after he became her most distinguished citizen. He was first employed as a clerk in the store of Bridgman & Brothers, with whom he remained one year. He then entered upon an engagement with W. F. Coolbaugh, who at that period was the leading merchant of eastern Iowa. After serving for five years as clerk for Mr. Coolbaugh, with great credit and satisfaction, he was rewarded by being made a partner in this establishment, which was well known under the firm name of W. F. Coolbaugh & Company. This firm continued for five years, when Mr. Gear purchased the entire business, which he carried on with

marked success till he became known as the oldest wholesale grocer in the State.

He always acted with the Republican party, and was honored by his fellow-citizens with many positions of trust. In 1852 he was elected alderman; in 1863 he was elected mayor over A. W. Carpenter, being the first Republican up to that time who had been elected in Burlington on a party issue. He was chosen the president of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Minnesota Railroad Company, and was also active in promoting the Burlington & Southwestern Railroad, as well as the Burlington & Northwestern Narrow-gauge Road. In 1871 he was elected a member of the House of Representatives of the fourteenth General Assembly, and in 1873 was elected to the fifteenth General Assembly. The Republican caucus of the House nominated him for speaker by acclamation, and after two weeks he was chosen over his opponent, J. W. Dixon. He filled the position as speaker very acceptably, and at the close of the session all the members of the House, independent of party affiliations, joined in signing their names to a resolution of thanks, which was engraved and presented to him. In 1875 he was again elected to the General Assembly, being also elected as speaker by a handsome majority over his competitor, Hon. John Y. Stone. He was the only man in the State who ever had the honor of being chosen to this high position a second time.

In 1877 he was elected as governor, and was inaugurated Jan. 17, 1878, which office he held for four years, being re-elected in 1879, and inaugurated in 1880. Governor Gear's business habits enabled him to discharge the duties of his office with marked ability, and though he found the financial condition of the State at a low ebb, he raised

Iowa's credit to that of the best of our States. In 1887 Governor Gear was elected a member of Congress from the first district, and re-elected in 1889, and again elected in 1893. His political honors did not cease here, for in 1894 he was elected United States Senator, and re-elected in 1900; but an allwise Father had planned otherwise, as Senator Gear had not quite finished his first term as Senator when the hand of death was laid upon him, and he rendered up his account July 14, 1900, when not only the city, county, and State were overshadowed with grief, but the United States had received a loss which was irreparable.

In summing up such a noted record as this of Senator Gear's, words fail to express the true worth and value of his noble life devoted to the public service; suffice it to say that his efforts were always along lines of right and justice, and as a friend, citizen, or statesman, his memory will be everlastingly enshrined in the hearts of the people throughout the nation.

In 1852 Mr. Gear married Miss Harriet Foote, who was born Nov. 18, 1818, and was a lady of great refinement and many capabilities, whose warm and generous impulses, attractive and winning manner, made her innumerable friends not only in her home city, but also in the social circles in Washington and Des Moines. Her quiet and noble deeds of love among the needy are a fitting example for all to emulate. Mrs. Gear survived her husband only about two years, her death occurring Oct. 4, 1902. This happy union was blessed with four children, two of whom are living, and reside in Burlington; Margaret is the wife of J. W. Blythe, and Ruth married Horace S. Rand.

HON. JAMES W. GRIMES.

AMONG the names whose personal history is inseparably interwoven with that of the State, and whose name deserves a foremost rank, is James Wilson Grimes. He was the third gentleman to fill the chair of governor of Iowa, and was born in the town of Deering, Hillsborough county, N. H., Oct. 20, 1816. His parents, John and Elizabeth (Wilson) Grimes were also natives of the same town, the father being born Aug. 11, 1772, and the mother March 19, 1773. They became the parents of eight children, of whom James was the youngest, and became one of the most distinguished citizens of Iowa. After an attendance at the district school and some private instruction, he entered Dartmouth College when he was sixteen years of age. In 1835 he finished college, and began his chosen profession with James Walker, of Peterborough, N. H. He felt there were better opportunities for young men in the West, and in 1836 he came to Burlington, and hung out his shingle, and ere long established a reputation as a rising lawyer. In 1837 he was appointed city solicitor, and entering upon the duties of that office he assisted in drawing up the first police laws of that town. In 1838 he was appointed justice of the peace, and became a law partner of William W. Chapman, United States district attorney for Wisconsin Territory. He formed a partnership with Henry W. Starr in 1841, which lasted for twelve years. This firm stood at the head of the legal profession of Iowa.

In 1838 he was chosen one of the representatives of Des Moines county in the

first Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Iowa, which convened in Burlington, Nov. 12, 1838; in the sixth, at Iowa City, Dec. 4, 1843; and in the fourth General Assembly of the State, at Iowa City, Dec. 6, 1852. He early took front rank among the public men of Iowa. He was chairman of the judiciary committee in the House of Representatives of the first Legislative Assembly of the Territory, and all the laws for the new Territory passed through his hands.

In February, 1854, Mr. Grimes was nominated by a convention of the Whig party for governor of the State. This was the largest convention of that party ever held in Iowa, and the last. Soon after this it was proposed he should go to the United States Senate, but Mr. Grimes gave his admirers to understand that he would fill the term of office for which he had been elected, which he did with great satisfaction. The representatives in Congress were allies of the slave power, and after Mr. Grimes was elected, he gave his whole soul to the work; and it may be truly said that Governor Grimes made Iowa Republican, and allied it with the loyal States. He retired from the executive chair in 1858, only, however, to assume the responsibilities of a United States Senator, taking his seat on the fourth of March, and being placed on the committee of naval affairs, upon which he remained during his senatorial career.

In 1864 Mr. Grimes was again chosen to represent Iowa in the Senate, receiving all but six of the votes of the General Assembly in joint convention. He was a great advocate of education, being always ready to promote the welfare of the State, and gave, unsolicited, land worth

six thousand dollars to the Congregational College, at Grinnell, Iowa. It constituted the "Grimes foundation," and is "to be applied to the establishment and maintenance in Iowa College, forever, of four scholarships, to be awarded by the trustees, on the recommendation of the faculty, to the best scholars, and the most promising, in any department, who may need and seek such aid, and without any regard to the religious tenets or opinions of the persons seeking either of the said scholarships." These terms were imposed by Mr. Grimes, and assumed July 20, 1865, by the trustees.

He received the honorary degree of LL. D., in 1865, from Dartmouth College, and also from Iowa College. He also aided in founding the public library in Burlington, donating five thousand dollars, which was expended in the purchase of costly books. He subsequently sent from Europe two hundred and fifty-six volumes in the German language, and also contributed six hundred volumes of public documents. In January, 1869, he made a donation to Dartmouth College of five thousand dollars, and one thousand dollars to the "Social Friend," a literary society in the college of which he was a member. He also secured the appropriation for the Hospital for the Insane at Mt. Pleasant.

Nov. 9, 1846, Senator Grimes was united in marriage in Burlington, Iowa, to Miss Elizabeth Nealley, and they were permitted to celebrate their silver wedding anniversary in 1871, after returning from a two-year trip abroad for the Senator's health. He did not have long to spend with his family, for, Feb. 7, 1872, after having voted at the city election,

he was suddenly taken ill, and died shortly after. Mrs. Grimes survived him a number of years, dying at Washington in 1890.

Mr. Grimes stood in the foremost ranks among the men of his time, not only of the State but of the nation. The young attorney who left the granite hills of New Hampshire for the fertile prairies of the West, distinguished himself both as an attorney and as a statesman. The remains of Senator and Mrs. Grimes are buried in the cemetery of their adopted home, where hundreds of friends visit their graves.

GEN. AUGUSTUS C. DODGE.

THE career of Gen. A. C. Dodge presents a succession of varied and interesting experiences; in some respect like many others, yet marked by a force of will and character well worthy of mention in the lists of prominent and successful men. Augustus Caesar Dodge was the son of Henry and Christiana (McDonald) Dodge, who were married near St. Louis in 1800, and became the parents of thirteen children, of whom our subject was the fourth in order of birth. He was born near St. Genevieve, Mo., Jan. 12, 1812, where he remained till 1827, when his father, who had been previously commissioned brigadier-general by President Madison for his successful expedition against the hostile Indians of the upper Missouri, hearing of the discovery of the lead mines on the upper Mississippi, in Michigan Territory, now Wisconsin, migrated thither. Simultaneously with his arrival, the Winnebagoes raised the mer-

ciless tomahawk, and were killing and scalping the few settlers, and were also attacking the boatmen engaged in the navigation of the Mississippi. Selected as their leader by the volunteers under arms, he led them to the Indian towns on the Pecatonica, forcing them to surrender the murderers of the whites for trial. Peace having thus been restored, he settled in the place called in honor of himself, Dodgeville, the present county-seat of Iowa county, Wisconsin. When the Black Hawk war broke out he was elected first lieutenant of volunteers, for home protection.

In 1838 he was appointed by President Van Buren, register of the United States land office at Burlington, and removed to this city, which was his home the rest of his life. In January, 1839, he was appointed by Governor Lucas, brigadier-general of the first division of the militia of Iowa Territory, and in 1840, without the thought of effort on his part, he was nominated to Congress, defeating a Whig competitor by five hundred and eighty-five votes. In September he took his seat in Congress, and on the 7th of December following he welcomed his father to a seat by his side, as a delegate from the Territory of Wisconsin, the first and only instance of a father and son sitting together in the House of Representatives since the foundation of the government. In 1848 he was elected United States Senator; and as seven years before the son had welcomed the father to a seat by his side in the House of Representatives, so now the father, who had entered the Senate on the 23d of the previous June, as one of the Senators from the State of Wisconsin, greeted the arrival of his son

in the Senate chamber. This was an unprecedented occurrence, and also noteworthy that Augustus C. Dodge was the first person born west of the Mississippi River to become a Senator of the United States. He was congratulated by Mr. S. Fremont, who said, "General, I am sure that you will be the best-behaved man in the Senate, on the ground that a dutiful son will be exceedingly decorous in the immediate presence of his father."

During the time he was in the Senate, there were very exciting times, and the reply which Gen. Dodge made to Senator Brown, of Mississippi, who said, "There are certain menial employments which belong exclusively to the negro," verify the fact that he was always a gentleman, a man of warm and generous feeling, with a high sense of honor, of courteous manners, frank and kindly, the index of his heart. He replied: "Sir, I tell the Senator from Mississippi, I speak it upon the floor of the American Senate, in the presence of my father, who will attest its truth, that I performed and do perform, when at home, all of these menial services to which the Senator referred in terms so grating to my feelings. As a general thing I saw my own wood, do all my own marketing. I have driven teams, oxen, horses, and mules, and considered myself as respectable then as I do now, or as any Senator upon the floor."

In 1874 Mr. Dodge was elected mayor of Burlington by a spontaneous movement of citizens, irrespective of party, and in 1875 served, by appointment of Governor Carpenter, on a commission to investigate alleged abuses in a reform school at Eldorado, Iowa. He was an ardent friend of the young folks, and was

a frequent visitor in the schools, where he so often encouraged the youth by telling them that the educational advantages in his boyhood days were very scant, when he attended only a school kept in an old log house for a few months, the light of which came through greased papers; pencils were made from a bullet beaten into shape and hammered to a point; pens were made with a Barlow knife, and ink from the boiling of butter-nut bark or gunpowder. The Bible, Shakespeare, and Plutarch's Lives were the only books that came within his reach, but from these he learned the art of reading, and with its mastery, he soon appreciated their literary excellence; and undoubtedly that chaste language and emphatic manner of expressing even commonplace things which made his speeches and conversation so interesting and elevating, was due to the study of these three books.

In summing up the public career of one worthy and illustrious we wish to add the high tribute of respect which Gen. George W. Jones, who was a fellow-soldier, an aide-de-camp of his father in that war, and afterwards a colleague in the United States Senate, paid General Dodge in his address at the celebration of the Semi-Centennial at Burlington. Gen. Jones said: "If modesty had not prevented, he could have told of his own service when under fifteen years of age, in the Winnebago war of 1827, with his only brother Henry L. Dodge; how he and I campaigned together in the regiment led by his gallant father; of how we slept, and sweetly too, o'er nights with our saddles for pillows, and resting upon the under-side blanket, with no cover for the

upper, save the starry heavens; of how frequently we swam rivers together, drawing over them the hastily constructed rafts, laden with men who could not swim. He might have informed you how, as brother Senators, we worked by day, and sometimes by night, drawing up and preparing bills for pre-emption and homestead rights, appropriations for the Rapids, and to secure grants of land for the four railroads which traverse our State, from the Mississippi to the Missouri, and also for the Union Pacific Railroad, for which we spoke and voted, not mentioning private bills and acts of service for our constituents. I am tempted to retaliate some of his complimentary references to me by telling you how, as representative to the court of Spain, he was mentioned by Lord Howden, her majesty's envoy at the same court, in letters to Secretary Cass, as the man above all others whom he (Howden) would select as his counsellor and advisor, on account of firmness, intelligence, and thorough understanding of his duties. Our illustrious countryman, William Cullen Bryant, who visited Madrid during General Dodge's residence there, thus also spoke and wrote of him. Not long anterior to his death, I met ex-President Pierce at the Astor House, New York, where, in a long conversation with me he mentioned that of all foreign appointments made during his administration, he believed that of General Dodge, as minister to Spain, to have been the best."

Referring to his retirement from political life, a friend wrote: "General Dodge passed into private life, but not into obscurity. He fell politically with his party, but every man in his party closed

around him in his downfall, honored him in his misfortunes, and cheered him with the hope of a better day, and pointed to his private and public life as a model of what an American statesman should be and as it was in the earlier days of the Republic. The honor which attaches to the name of Augustus Caesar Dodge will invite the young American ambitious of public position, to look for future honor and fame, not in speculation, but honest, candid, and patriotic aspiration."

General Dodge was taken ill in the winter of 1883, and although every effort known to skilled and special physicians was made to prolong his useful life, it was without avail, and November 20, 1883, his spirit fled.

The domestic life of General Dodge was also very pleasant and happy, it being inaugurated March 19, 1837, when he married Miss Clara A. Hertich, who was then seventeen years old, and the daughter of Professor Joseph Hertich, an educated Swiss gentleman who had a private school near Ste. Genevieve. It was in this school that the General first learned to write, his teacher, Miss Hertich, becoming his future wife, under circumstances peculiarly romantic, and which will be understood and appreciated by those familiar with the devotion of this model man and woman. To Mr. and Mrs. Dodge were born eight children, of whom but one remains: William J., Marceline M., Augustus V., Christiana, Clara A., Henry J., Charles J., and William Wallace, who is a prominent lawyer and legislator, and is a recent citizen of Omaha, Nebr. Mrs. Dodge was very retiring and quiet, but kind and lovable as possible for woman, and was a very

pleasant conversationalist. She was a devoted member of the Catholic church, but her influence for good and charity knew no bounds of creed or church organization. Her beautiful life closed in 1892, and she sleeps beside her husband in the lovely family lot in Aspen Grove cemetery.

HON. CHARLES MASON.

HONORABLE CHARLES MASON, deceased, was one of the very prominent and influential men of Des Moines county, and was respected by the entire community. He was enterprising and ever ready to assist in all ways that would promote the general prosperity of the city. He was born in Onondaga county, New York, Oct. 24, 1804, where his first education was obtained. He went to West Point in 1825 as a cadet, where he remained for six years,—two as a cadet and four as an assistant professor. He spent the year 1831 and part of 1832 in New York city, and in the autumn of the latter year went to Newburg, where he remained two years in the practice of his profession. The next two years were passed in New York, the last six months as editor of the *Post*. In 1836 he relinquished that, and came West on an exploring expedition. Returning, he was married Aug. 1, 1837, to Miss Angeline Gear, of Berkshire, Mass., and, early in the November following, he brought his wife to Burlington. He was appointed prosecuting attorney for this district and one of Governor Dodge's aides.

On the division of Wisconsin Territory, he was made chief justice of the ter-

ritory, and at the same time held the office of first solicitor of Burlington. He held the office of chief justice till 1847, when he resumed practice. The governor appointed him to represent the State in the matter of the boundary difficulty with Missouri, which question was decided in 1849. He was also appointed by the governor to revise the code of Iowa, which resulted in the code of 1851. He was elected under that code judge of the county, and served one year, when he was elected, in the summer of 1852, president of the Peoria and Oquawka Railroad, upon which he resigned his position of judge. In May, 1853, he was appointed commissioner of patents, which office he resigned in 1857. In the fall of 1858 he was elected a member of the State board of public instruction, and served one term. During the year 1859 he was connected with the New York *Scientific American*, and went from New York to Washington in 1860, where he engaged in the practice of patent law, to which business he devoted several years.

Burlington is indebted to Judge Mason for its fine system of water-works, to which he brought the resource of his ample capital. He was president of the Burlington Water Company, president of the Burlington and North Western Railway, president of the Burlington Street Railway Company, treasurer of the school board, vice-president of the Burlington, Keosauqua & Western Railway Company, and president of the German American Savings Bank, all of which important trusts he filled with much dignity and ability. His pretty country home on the Mason road south of the city will be remembered, as will also his

beautiful residence on the corner of Sixth and Franklin Streets, which he erected in the later part of the '60's. Mrs. Mason died during the early '70's.

Judge and Mrs. Mason were the parents of three children, one daughter, Mary, now living, is the wife of Admiral George C. Remey, of the navy. They were members of the Episcopal church, and the Judge was a vestryman of the church for some years. Judge Mason died Feb. 25, 1882, and he and Mrs. Mason are buried in a beautiful spot on a part of the old Mason homestead south of town. The hardwood from which the casket was made for the Judge's body was raised on this farm. In his death the city lost one who could ill be spared. He was kind, just, and considerate of all, and was conspicuous for his manly bearing, fine attainments, remarkable physical endurance, and great executive ability.

HON. DAVID RORER.

JUDGE RORER, deceased, was prominent among the pioneers of Des Moines county. He was a son of Abraham and Nancy (Cook) Rorer, and was born in Pittsylvania county, Virginia, May 12, 1806. His father was of Swiss ancestry, while his mother was of an old Virginia family. They lived on a farm, where our subject spent his early days attending the country schools of the neighborhood. When seventeen years of age he went to Franklin county, Virginia, and there studied law with a Mr. Claiborne, a prominent lawyer of that county, living with the family, and teaching school at

the same time he was pursuing his law course. In 1826, just before he reached his majority, he was admitted to the bar, and at once started West on horseback. He located in Little Rock, Ark., where he remained till 1835, when he sold out his practice and came to Burlington in 1836, and built the first brick house in Iowa, laying the first brick himself, on the corner of Fourth and Columbia Streets.

In 1841 he erected the old homestead on the corner of Fourth and Washington Streets, where he resided until death, a period of over forty-two years. Judge Rorer wrote the articles of incorporation of Burlington in 1836, and was elected one of the trustees of the town. He also wrote the first ordinance, assisted in laying out the streets, named many of them, and in various ways aided in the organization and development of the place. His ability as a lawyer soon became known. His ambition was to become one of the leaders in his profession, and he was justly ranked among the eminent jurists of his time. He drew up the charter for the Burlington & Missouri Railroad, and also named it. He became the attorney and afterward counselor of that road, and also of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, until the time of his death, which was about a quarter of a century.

He was essentially a self-made man, who, by incessant study from his youth up, had become a thorough scholar, and enjoyed a national reputation as an author, having written and published three most valuable law books, "Rorer on Judicial Sales," "Rorer on Interstate Law," and "Rorer on Railroads." He also wrote

and left in manuscript a number of interesting and valuable historical sketches of the early Northwest, for which he diligently searched the earliest records. An interesting item that deserves to be mentioned here, and which illustrates the interest he felt in his adopted State, is the fact that to him belongs the credit of having first given to the residents of Iowa the name of "Hawkeyes." We learn from an article published in the Burlington *Hawk-Eye*, in November, 1878, that the first mention of the name was in the Fort Madison *Patriot*, in 1838, a paper published by James G. Edwards, the founder of the *Hawk-Eye*. At the suggestion of Judge Rorer, Mr. Edwards proposed in his paper that the people of Iowa adopt the name of "Hawkeye." This was done to prevent citizens of other States giving the people of Iowa some more opprobrious title. The name was not adopted at this time, however; but early in 1839, after Mr. Edwards had moved his paper to Burlington, the question was again discussed, and it was decided to write a series of letters to the papers then published in Iowa, in which the people in Iowa were to be called "Hawkeyes." Judge Rorer, James G. Edwards, and H. W. Starr were the principal parties to the transaction, and it was voted that Judge Rorer write the letters. These letters were so written by him, and bore the signature of "A Wolverine among the Hawkeyes." These letters created much interest, and the name "Hawkeye" was ever after adopted to designate the people of Iowa. Soon after this Mr. Edwards changed the name of his paper to the *Hawk-Eye*, in honor of the people of the State of Iowa. Although Judge Rorer

was born in a slave State, yet his feelings revolted at the injustice of slavery, and early in the war he boldly advocated the emancipation of the slaves as the heroic remedy for the nation's relief; and with all the firmness of his decided character, Southerner as he was, he knew no middle ground between loyalty and disloyalty. He was bold and fearless in his advocacy of liberty and justice for all and oppression for none. Before the war he had been a Democrat in politics, but after that time he became a warm supporter of the Republican party. He was a member of the Episcopal church.

In 1827, at Little Rock, Ark., Judge Rorer married Mrs. Martin, née Miss Daniel, a native of Georgia. They had four children: Daniel, who for many years was a prominent lawyer in Worthington, Minn.; Martha, the wife of William Garrett, of Burlington, both deceased; Claiborne, was killed at the battle of Rivas, in Nicaragua, whither he went with the Walker expedition; and Frances, who is the widow of D. J. Crocker, of Chicago. Mrs. Rorer died in 1838.

March 21, 1839, he was united in marriage with Miss Delia M. Viele, of Scott county, Iowa. She was a native of Pitts-town, Rensselaer county, N. Y., and a daughter of Abram and Hannah (Douglas) Viele, the former being of French and the latter of Scotch origin. Three daughters graced this union: Virginia D., who passed away a few years ago; Delia M.; and Mary L., now the wife of John T. Remey, of Burlington. Judge Rorer died very suddenly, July 7, 1884, ending a notable career in the history of Iowa. By reason of a strong constitution

and temperate habits he had exceeded man's allotted years, "threescore years and ten," and died with the honors of ripe old age. His devoted and worthy wife survived him four years, her death occurring Nov. 4, 1888.

HON. ABRAHAM G. ADAMS.

THE subject of this brief biography was a man whose life work well illustrates what may be accomplished by persistent, energetic, and honorable effort. Abraham G. Adams was a son of Reuben and Maria (Gibbs) Adams, and was born at Sterling, Worcester county, Mass., Sept. 30, 1830. He came to Burlington with his parents in 1839, when only eight years of age, being about six weeks in making the trip to St. Louis by team and canal-boat. He recited his first lessons in a log schoolhouse, with its puncheon floor and its slabs for seats and desks. Later his studies were pursued in the basement of the old Zion church, which had been converted into a schoolroom, and where the pioneer pedagogue ruled and taught in the old-fashioned district-school style.

In 1847, Mr. Adams went to St. Louis, where he spent two years in a large jobbing boot and shoe house, there acquiring a knowledge of the business, which proved valuable to him in later years. He then assisted his father in his shoe store for two years, and in 1851 was made a partner of the firm. His father died in 1864, and after the estate was settled, A. G. succeeded to the business, and carried it on alone with marked success. He in-

creased the manufacturing facilities of the house, and extended his jobbing trade until he had one of the most important and prosperous establishments in the wholesale boot and shoe line in the State.

In early life Mr. Adams was a Whig, and cast his first vote for Gen. Winfield Scott for president. When the Republican party was organized, he joined the ranks, and was ever afterwards a faithful adherent to its principles, and an earnest worker in its support. He made many warm political friends, some of whom were the nation's most illustrious heroes and statesmen. Gen. U. S. Grant was his true friend, who with his wife and family were visitors at the Adams mansion, as were also Gen. and Mrs. Logan and Hon. James G. Blaine.

In 1878 Mr. Adams was elected mayor of Burlington, re-elected in 1879, and, after an interval of five years, was again elected to the same office, and re-elected each succeeding year, holding that office at the time of his death, which occurred June 18, 1887.

As a business man, Mr. Adams was clear-headed, sagacious, prompt, and upright, and his success in life was largely due to his correct business habits, directness of purpose, and unswerving integrity. He was eminently a self-made man, and at the time of his death had won a foremost place among the leading business men of the State. His strict regard for the law made him one of the best executive officers Burlington ever had, making a record in his administration of city affairs that found an enduring place in the municipal history of the city.

In June, 1852, Mr. Adams was married to Miss Emily Swain, a lady possessing

many excellencies of character that endeared her to a large circle of friends, and her kindly sympathy and open-handed benevolence relieved and cheered many who were suffering from want or sickness. Twelve children blessed this union, of whom six are living: Fannie D., Frank O., and Maud L. reside in Chicago; Arthur A. married Miss Maud Manning in 1882, and they have one daughter, Louise, and make Burlington their home; Genevieve, the wife of Samuel Harrington, of Peoria, Ill.; Gail, is a resident of San Francisco, Cal. Dec. 19, 1872, Mrs. Adams was taken from her husband and children, upon the eve of their removal to their beautiful new home on Fifth and Arch Street.

Mr. Adams married Mrs. Laura Weaver, June 4, 1885, in New York, and took his bride on a wedding trip to the old country. After the death of Mr. Adams, his wife remained in the old home for a while, and then went East, where she passed away a few years ago.

DR. CHARLES BEARDSLEY.

DR. CHARLES BEARDSLEY, deceased, was one of the most prominent and active politicians of Des Moines county. He was a man of great executive and literary ability, and held several high offices in his adopted State. His ancestors were among the early settlers of Connecticut, William Beardsley coming from Stratford-on-Avon, England, in 1635, and helped to found and probably gave the name to Stratford, Conn., in 1639. John Beardsley, father of our sub-

ject, was born in the same village in 1792, and in 1822 wedded Mary Fitch, a native of New Haven, Conn., hers being also an old family in that State. They were the parents of six children. Mrs. Beardsley died in 1879, and Mr. Beardsley joined her in 1887.

Our subject was born in Knox county, Ohio, Feb. 18, 1830, and when sixteen years of age began to work at the carpenter's trade, which he continued for several years. He then attended school in Granville, Ohio, which was supplemented by a year's course in the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, during the presidency of the accomplished and sweet-tempered Dr. Edward Thomson, afterwards bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Beardsley then began the study of medicine, teaching school during the intervals of study, and was graduated at Cincinnati in 1855. After practicing for a short time in Muscatine and Oskaloosa, Iowa, he became the editor of the *Oskaloosa Herald*, and in 1861 was appointed postmaster of the same city, continuing in that position till 1865. Under the act of Congress of July 14, 1862, he was also appointed examining surgeon of applicants for pensions, and faithfully discharged the duties until his removal from Oskaloosa in 1865. Removing to Burlington in the fall of the same year he became the editor and one of the proprietors of the *Hawk-Eye*, and so continued until his withdrawal from the paper in 1874.

He represented Des Moines county in the State Senate from 1870 to 1874, serving as chairman of the committees on federal relations and on schools, and also a member of the committee on railroads

and printing. At the session of 1872, he introduced a bill into the Senate for compulsory education, which was passed, but which failed in the House. He again secured its passage in the Senate at the extra session in 1873, but it again failed to pass the House. After spending several months abroad Dr. Beardsley took an active part in politics, speaking in the majority of the counties of the State. In 1878 he was appointed by President Hayes one of the Chicago Commissioners, to visit the United States mint in Philadelphia. In June, 1879, Secretary McCrary tendered him a position in the war department, to assist in the preparation of the war records for publication. This was accepted, but six weeks later, the office of the fourth auditor of the treasury department becoming vacant, he was appointed to that position by the president, on the recommendation of Secretary Sherman, as well as that of Senators Allison and Kirkwood and many other leading Republicans of Iowa. He resigned this office when the Democrats came into power in 1885. During his service as fourth auditor, Dr. Beardsley also served by appointment of President Arthur as acting first auditor during a brief interregnum in the latter office.

Dr. Beardsley returned to Burlington in 1885, and in August of that year he was chairman of the committee on resolutions in the Republican State Convention, and the same day was chosen chairman of the Republican State central committee, to which position he was re-chosen in 1886, and again in 1887. In April, Dr. Beardsley became State auditor, having charge of that office for three months, during the trial and until the

acquittal of the former incumbent of the office. In January, 1887, he was commissioned by Governor Larabee to examine the books and papers of the various public institutions of the State, with a view to improve and make uniform their methods of bookkeeping and reports. In March, 1888, Governor Larabee, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointed him State inspector of oils for the term of two years.

Nov. 23, 1865, Mr. Beardsley was married to Miss Eliza M. Pool, who is a daughter of Simeon Pool, formerly of Franklin county, Ohio, where he had been known as one of the early and staunch abolitionists. Mr. Beardsley and his estimable wife were blessed with five children: Florence, married Edward Neally, a rising young lawyer of Burlington, and they now live in Santa Ana, Cal.; Charles, Jr., and George, reside on a farm in Nebraska; Simeon, lives in Danville, Iowa; John also claims California as home. The family were all devoted members of the Congregational church, Dr. Beardsley being the beloved superintendent of the Sunday-school from 1867-1874, and while in Washington, D. C., was a trustee and president of the First Congregational society in that city.

After a few years rest from active business life this political leader and high official was called to meet his Judge, his death occurring in the city of Burlington Dec. 29, 1896. His widow, who is a literary woman of much ability, resides with her daughter, Mrs. Neally, in California. This was a family Burlington could ill afford to lose, and especially Dr. Beardsley, who not only displayed talents as an organizer, was of incalculable

benefit to the Republican party, and proved himself truly worthy and competent in the many responsible public positions to which he was repeatedly called, but was also a man of large heart and sympathy, being ever ready to assist the young folks in many hard and difficult undertakings.

HON. HENRY W. STARR.

SUCCESSFUL as have been many of the able men of the early days, none have achieved a more deserved reputation for character as a citizen, and talents as an advocate, than Henry W. Starr, deceased. Noted from his boyhood for his clear and active intellect, these faculties were highly cultured by a liberal course of education. He passed through college with credit, and his studies in the law school were a thorough preparation for the brilliant course of practice which followed. In legal acumen, general scholarship, and literary and social acquirements, Mr. Starr occupied a prominence above many of his contemporaries of the bar of Iowa. Had he gone into politics he might have distinguished himself in the halls of legislation. But neither his taste nor ambition led him in this direction. He was twice elected mayor of Burlington,—in 1849 and 1850,—beyond which he never sought nor held office, but wholly eschewed the political arena.

Mr. Starr was born in Middlebury, Vt., July 24, 1815, where he graduated from college in 1834, and after studying law for three years in Cincinnati, was admitted to the bar in 1837. Chief Justice Chase was his examiner. In June, 1837, he left

Cincinnati, seeking a place in which to locate in his profession. He visited St. Louis, Fort Madison, Burlington, Galena, and Chicago, and finally decided to settle in Burlington, then the capitol of Wisconsin Territory, Iowa having not yet been set off. General Dodge was then the governor. After a short visit home, he located in Burlington, in November, 1837. It took him twenty days to reach here from Vermont, by the national road from Baltimore to Wheeling, thence down the Ohio, and up the Mississippi.

In the winter of 1837-38 the Legislature met here, holding its sessions over a store in a frame building on the corner of Main and Columbia Streets. Mr. Starr was waiting for a client. At that session the Legislature passed resolutions to expel one of its members, a Mr. McGregor, for accepting a bribe from one Mr. Wilson, and also to reprimand Wilson for offering a bribe to a member of their body. Wilson employed Mr. Starr and Senator Grimes to defend him before the Legislature. During the trial one of the members, in replying to Mr. Starr, stated a falsehood, which he characterized as such, whereupon the Legislature arrested him for contempt. He was acquitted and so was his client. He afterward formed a partnership with Senator Grimes, and this trial giving them celebrity, they soon came into a lucrative practice, which continued for seventeen years.

In the early settlement of the country, collections, loans, and real estate constituted an important part of a responsible lawyer's business, and the firm of Starr & Grimes having established a reputation for promptness, ability, and integrity, secured a line of business equal to at least

three of the leading firms of Iowa. At their annual settlement, during the year they were engaged in the celebrated Half-breed Tract Suit, their business netted them sixty thousand dollars.

Mr. Starr was married twice. His first wife being Miss Marian S. Peasley, to whom he was married Sept. 28, 1843, and who died April 23, 1854, leaving two sons: Charles E., born at Burlington, Iowa, Sept. 20, 1845, while fitting for college in 1862, was appointed to the United States Naval Academy, where he remained until he was ordered into active service as midshipman, in 1866. After one year of active duty in that capacity he resigned, and engaged in the study of law, graduating from the law department of the Washington University at St. Louis in the class of 1873. Returning to Burlington, he began his profession in his native city, where he was a rising lawyer for many years. Peter J. was born Feb. 15, 1851, graduated from the Michigan Law School in the class of 1873, and died in his native city Aug. 23, of the same year.

April 9, 1857, Mr. Starr was married to Miss Eliza A. Merrill, daughter of Thomas A. Merrill, a native of Middlebury, Vt., and an estimable lady. She survived her husband for a number of years, dying March 18, 1890. By this union Mr. and Mrs. Starr became the parents of two daughters: Marian E., who became the second wife of Mr. Luke Palmer, of Burlington, and whose true and noble life was closed Feb. 11, 1898, in her fortieth year. Carrie A. married Harry Clifton Hadley, a prosperous lawyer of Burlington, who died Oct. 1, 1890. Mrs. Hadley now resides in the East.

Mr. Starr continued in active practice until on account of failing health he retired from business, and spent the remainder of his days in honorable ease, enjoying the ample fortune which was the result of many years of close application to the arduous duties of a successful lawyer. His death occurred from apoplexy, Oct. 30, 1881, closing an active, useful, and honorable career, in which he won distinction as an eminent jurist, being recognized as the peer of the highest in the profession in the State, and the esteem and respect of a wide circle of friends.

JOSEPH C. STONE, M. D.

DR. J. C. STONE, deceased, "was every inch a man," and the thousands who knew him appreciated that fact. We could make a book were we to attempt to give a detailed account of his life, and a larger book if all of his good deeds, of which he never spoke, were to be recalled. He simply forgot the accounts of hundreds who were not well able to remunerate him for his services; and perhaps a friendly greeting, a word of gratitude now and then, made the good doctor as rich as all the wealth of Cræsus. He was ever the same kindly, courtly gentleman of the old school; generous to a fault, chivalrous, gentle, yet firm.

Joseph C. Stone was a son of Henry and Abigail Stone, and was born in Westport, Essex county, N. Y., July 30, 1829. His father was a New England farmer, and served in the War of 1812, participating in the battle of Plattsburg. His mother, who was highly educated, was

enabled to give her large family a knowledge of the rudiments of learning, and thus Joseph grew up to manhood with only such advantages as were to be found at a family fireside many years ago. Determining he would make medicine his profession, he went to Illinois College, where he remained one year, preparatory to entering upon his professional studies. He studied medicine at St. Louis under Charles A. Pope, and was graduated with high honors in 1854. Later he returned to Iowa, where he entered upon a good practice, and gained a reputation as surgeon equalled by few in Iowa. When the Crimean War broke out, he secured a commission in the Russian service, remaining abroad over a year, and seeing much of that campaign, which was studied by George B. McClellan on behalf of this government. Returning to this country he located in Iowa City. He served the State acceptably as superintendent of public instruction, and engaged in private practice.

At the breaking out of the Civil War, Dr. Stone closed his office, and was one of the first to offer his services to his country. He was soon made the adjutant of the First Iowa Cavalry, and in a few weeks was appointed captain and adjutant-general, and from time to time was promoted to the offices of major and lieutenant-colonel. He had the reputation of an officer of fine executive ability and solid integrity, and when the war was over, and he about to return home, General Canby endorsed his final order: "Few officers return from the service of their country with the consciousness that their every act has been approved, and that through their watchful care millions

of dollars have been saved to the government. That consciousness you carry with you to your home, and with it the love and respect of your commanding officer and friend."

At the close of the war he settled in Burlington, and soon built up a large and lucrative practice. Having always been a Republican, he was prevailed upon to accept a nomination for Congress in 1876, and was elected. He did not like public life, however, and soon returned to Burlington to rebuild his scattered practice, and never again permitted himself to be led away from the practice of his chosen profession. He was on the board of pension examiners and also the commission of insane at the time of his death.

In 1862, Dr. Stone married Miss Ellen L. Lutz, of Ohio. This union was graced by one daughter, Carrie, who is an assistant in the public library in Burlington. The busy and useful life of Dr. Stone was suddenly terminated, Dec. 3, 1902, and in the circle that knew him best, the genial, whole-souled physician is missed and mourned, and his memory will be kept green until the last one of those who prized him so highly in his turn "wraps the drapery of his couch about him, and lies down to pleasant dreams." He is buried in beautiful Aspen Grove cemetery, where a unique and tasty monument bears the following inscription:—

"In memory of Dr. Joseph C. Stone, surgeon in the service of Russia in the Crimea, lieutenant of the First Iowa Cavalry in the Civil War, and a member of the Congress of the United States. He was of New England ancestry, born in

Essex county, New York, July 30, 1820, came to Iowa in 1844. Died in Burlington, Dec. 3, 1902. This monument has been erected as a mark of respect and love for a pure, honorable, courtly, and chivalrous gentleman."

HON. M. D. BROWNING.

JUDGE MILTON D. BROWNING, deceased, was born in Harrison county, Kentucky, Dec. 25, 1810. His father's home was his home till 1834, when he left for a wider knowledge of the world and its people, taking a position in the law office of his brother, Orville H. Browning, of Quincy, secretary of the interior under President Johnson, and entering upon the work of devolving upon a man of large capacity, strong mind, and great intellect, with all the enthusiasm of an ambitious youth. His education was comprised in a course of study such as was afforded by the common schools, but he failed not nor faltered for lack of classic lore or university diplomas and sounding degrees.

In the spring of 1837 he came to Burlington, and liked it so well that he settled here. In 1839 he returned to his old Kentucky home, and soon came back to our city, then young and hopeful like himself, bringing with him as his bride, Miss Anna, daughter of Judge Brown, of Kentucky, and starting out upon life as a citizen and a man with a purpose before him. He gained a noted prominence in his profession, being one of the most successful lawyers of the day, and never lacking for clients when others were sup-

plied. From 1846 to 1857, inclusive, he served in the capacity of State Senator, and gained a wide reputation for coolness and deliberative foresight, at a time when such qualities were in demand. In 1857 President Johnson appointed him United States district attorney, and he retired with that administration. Before this, in 1851, he had associated himself with Judge Joshua Tracy, and the firm stood till the latter became district attorney, when his son, Henry O. Browning, stepped into the vacancy. This partnership was continued till the activity of the senior partner was ended by his sudden attack of paralysis. The younger partner continued in the office until he became police judge, which terminated the firm.

During the life and activity of the old Whig party Judge Browning was prominently identified with politics, but upon his retirement from the field, he secluded himself from all political matters and seemed to have lost all interest in it to so great a degree as to almost entirely abstain from voting. After a lingering sickness, Judge Browning died, Nov. 6, 1881, aged seventy-one years. He was a man of brilliant mind and strongest character, and his circle of acquaintances was extensive and varied. His honest and unswerving nature won him many friends and admirers. Mrs. Browning survived him till Feb. 7, 1884. She was the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Brown, of St. Anna, Ky., and was born in that place Aug. 19, 1819. She was a member of the Episcopal church, and was active, kind, and charitable in all things, which made her a favorite in social circles.

Mr. and Mrs. Browning were the parents of five children, of whom two are

now living: Philip, died in 1865; Milton, passed away in St. Louis in 1893; Sallie and Nannie, both reside in Burlington; Henry O., was born in Burlington, Iowa, Jan. 1, 1841, and attended the schools of Burlington, the old Baptist College, and later Denmark Academy. His education was finished at Transylvania University, in Lexington, Ky. He first studied law with his father, who was then a partner of Judge Tracy. In 1863 he was admitted to the bar, and from that time until he entered the steamboat business he was engaged in the practice of law in this county. In 1872 Mr. Browning was elected justice of the peace, and continued in that office until January, 1878, when he was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of A. H. Stutsman as police judge. In March of the same year he was elected to that office, and served the city in that capacity until 1886. He then entered the employ of the Diamond Jo Steamboat Company as general agent and traveled for them for a number of years. He was the local agent for the Carnival City Packet Company at the time he was seized with his last illness.

Dec. 18, 1867, Mr. Browning was married to Miss Margaret Virginia Trimble, who died in 1880. Mr. Browning died Dec. 8, 1901. He left one daughter, Lydia, who married J. A. White, of Moline, Ill., and has three children. Mr. Browning was high-minded and fearless in the expression of opinion, and he did not hesitate to place the proper estimate on things and individuals. His integrity was of a scrupulous nature, and in all his relation with his fellow-men, whether in business or social affairs, he was without a suggestion of selfish or sordid motives.

GEN. JOHN M. CORSE.

GEN. JOHN M. CORSE was a son of John L. and Sarah (Murray) Corse, and was born in Pittsburg, Pa., April 27, 1835. His father was born in Dover, Del., March 5, 1813, and was for many years engaged in the East in carriage manufacturing. In 1842 he came to Burlington, carrying on this business there for several years, and then went into the book and stationery business. He was a Democrat in politics, and served as alderman for three terms, 1844, 1851, and 1852, and was mayor during 1845-46 and 1856-57. His death occurred March 22, 1868. Mrs. Corse died Sept. 28, 1866.

Our subject received his primary education in the public schools of Burlington, of which his father was a strong advocate and true friend. He was afterward a cadet in West Point for about two years, when he resigned and returned to Burlington, and engaging in the book store with his father. It is told of him that when his father suggested that the firm name should be "J. L. Corse & Son," the embryo patriot insisted that it should be "John M. Corse & Father." At this time he was nominated by the Democratic party for lieutenant-governor.

He entered the United States service as major of the Sixth Iowa Volunteers in August, 1861, serving under General Fremont, and then as judge-advocate and inspector-general on the staff of General Pope; but after the victories of Island No. 10 and Shiloh, preferring active service, joined this regiment and became its colonel. He commanded a division at Memphis, and was commissioned a brigadier-general on Aug. 11, 1863. He

served in the Chatanooga campaign, distinguished himself at Chickamauga, and was wounded at Missionary Ridge. In Sherman's march to the sea he commanded a division of the fifteenth corps.

When, after the evacuation of Atlanta, the Confederates crossed the Chatachoochee and destroyed the railroad, Corse was ordered from Rome to the relief of Allatoona, where large commissary supplies, guarded by eight hundred and ninety men, under Colonel Tourtellotte, were threatened by an infantry division of the enemy. General Corse arrived with one thousand and fifty-four troops before the Confederates; but when the latter came, being greatly superior in numbers, they closely surrounded the position.

To the summons of the Confederate general, French, to surrender and avoid a needless effusion of blood, General Corse returned a defiant answer. The Confederates, numbering four thousand or five thousand, attacked the fortifications furiously Oct. 5, 1864, but were repeatedly driven back. During this attack, the incident occurred which gave rise to the famous Sunday-school song, "Hold the Fort, for I am Coming." General Sherman, who had dispatched a corps to attack the Confederate rear, signaled from Kenesaw Mountain, where he heard the roar of battle, eighteen miles away, for the commander to hold out, as relief was approaching; and when he learned by the heliograph that Corse was in command, he said: "He will hold out, I know the man." General Corse was badly wounded at Allatoona, but the next morning after the conflict sent this message himself: "I am short a cheekbone

and an ear, but I can whip all h—ll yet. My losses are very heavy. A force moving from Stilesboro to Kingston gives me some anxiety. Tell me where Sherman is."

Corse defended Allatoona so bravely that Sherman, who considered the point very handsome and important, made it the subject of a special order, emphasizing the principle in warfare that fortified posts should be defended to the last, without regard to the strength of the attacking force. "The thanks of the army are due, and are hereby accorded, to General Corse, Colonel Tourtellotte, Colonel Rowe, and officers and men, for their determined and gallant defense of Allatoona; and it is made an example to illustrate the importance of preparing in time, and meeting the danger, when present, boldly, manfully and well." Corse received the brevet of major-general Oct. 5, 1864.

After the war, General Corse was for two years (1867-9) collector of internal revenue in Chicago, Ill. He then spent four years in Europe, and on his return engaged in railroading, building several hundred miles of road in the neighborhood of Chicago. In 1881 he returned to Massachusetts, residing in Boston and in Winchester, where he settled in 1882. He was a vigorous opponent of General Butler in his political campaigns, and became chairman of the executive committee of the Democratic State Central Committee. On Oct. 9, 1886, he was appointed postmaster of Boston.

General Corse was married first to Miss Ellen Prince, who died in 1853, and later to Miss Fannie McNeil, a niece of ex-President Pierce, who died in 1881. He was the father of one son, Murray Pichot.

who is still living. When his first wife passed away General Corse erected a memorial chapel in Aspen Grove cemetery to her memory, and here his whole family are laid. A beautiful statue of General Corse and his fiery horse adorns Crapo Park, placed there by the citizens of his old home, as a mark of love and respect for him and the great victories he achieved at Allatoona. His death occurred April 7, 1893. This equestrian statue on the monument erected by the State of Iowa, may also be found in Des Moines.

GENERAL FITZ HENRY WARREN.

GENERAL WARREN, deceased, was the fourth in descent from Daniel Warren, son of John Warren, who was born in England in 1585, and came to "Western" in 1630, and from "Western" to Brimfield. General Warren was also of the same family as Joseph Warren, of Revolutionary fame, was a son of Philemon and Hannah (Johnson) Warren, and was born in Brimfield, Mass., Jan. 11, 1816. His father was born Jan. 31, 1761, and died March 11, 1847. His mother died in 1850. After Fitz Henry went through the usual course of the town school, with one or more terms at Wilbraham Academy, he commenced his business life in a mercantile house in New York City; from thence to Petersburg, Va. From 1835 to 1843 he was in business with his father and brother at Brimfield. During his residence here at that period, the "Rifle Company," having become reduced in numbers and efficiency, was, by the efforts of Mr. Warren and others, re-

cruited by enlistments to a full company, of which he was chosen captain, June 12, 1837. He was promoted the next year, and in 1840 was colonel of the Tenth Regiment of Massachusetts Volunteer Militia. While in these positions he exhibited the same qualities which in after life were conspicuous in the service of his country in the war of the Rebellion.

In 1844 Mr. Warren emigrated to and located in Burlington, Iowa, where he was engaged in the mercantile business, and for several years was connected with the Burlington *Hawk-Eye* as editor. Here, as previously in his native State, he took an active part in politics, and was chairman of the Whig State Committee. In 1849 he was appointed by President Taylor first assistant postmaster general, in which high and responsible position he displayed such judgment and business tact as to secure general commendation; resigning the office in 1852, he had charge of the National Whig Committee during the Scott presidential campaign. Returning to Iowa in 1853, he was engaged in banking, and steamboating on the Mississippi River. Notwithstanding the business pursuits, Mr. Warren continued active in politics, a zealous worker, and efficient speaker in national and State elections. After the election in 1860, his name was prominent among those mentioned for the office of postmaster-general. It is said his former position in the department was offered him, which he declined. In 1861, he was assistant editor of the New York *Tribune*, at the head of the staff in Washington, and was the author of the famous "On to Richmond" correspondence. He resigned this position to take command of the First Iowa

Cavalry, one of the first volunteer cavalry regiments mustered into the service of the United States. He was promoted to be brigadier-general in August, 1862, and afterward made brevet major-general. In the following summer, his health failing, he was relieved from command, and placed on duty in New York City, where he remained until the close of the war.

General Warren was elected to the Iowa Senate in 1866, and served one term. He was appointed minister to Guatemala the same year, and resided there with his family till 1869, when he resigned, returning to Iowa the same year. He was afterward engaged in the construction of several railroads in the States of Iowa, Missouri, and Nebraska.

General Warren joined the Liberals in the presidential campaign of 1872, taking a prominent part in the convention at Cincinnati, and was at the head of the Iowa electoral ticket. In 1875-76 he was employed at Washington and New York as writer for the *New York Sun*.

Oct. 31, 1838, General Warren married Hannah Sophia Bartlett, whose father was Wait Bartlett, born in 1786, and died in November, 1860, whose wife was Martha (Gould) Chapin. They were married January, 1808, and had twelve children, none of whom are living. General Warren and his wife were married by a Congregational minister, but soon after they joined the Episcopal church. They became the parents of three sons and one daughter, of whom only Francis Johnson Warren and Lily Johnson Warren are now living.

Mrs. Warren was born March 15, 1815, and died at Brimfield, Mass., April 15,

1877. Her husband survived her about one year, his death also occurring in his native place June 21, 1878. They left Burlington, Iowa, in 1875; and though many years have passed since then, still the memories of this worthy couple are green and fresh in the hearts of their many friends.

THOMAS FRENCH.

CAPTAIN THOMAS FRENCH was born in Brighton, Beaver county, Pa., Oct. 4, 1815. When he was but one year old his parents moved to Beaver, the county-seat. Here Thomas was raised, and attended the village school till nearly sixteen years of age, when he went to Pittsburg and learned the engineer's trade, remaining till the spring of 1836. That spring he went on board a steamer running on the Ohio River from Pittsburg to Louisville, in the capacity of engineer, running on the Ohio and other rivers of the Southwest till 1841, when he came to Burlington, from St. Louis through Illinois, by stage. In the spring of 1842 he took charge of the Burlington ferry, then owned by Gales & Seaton, the proprietors of the *National Intelligencer*, an anti-slavery paper, published in Washington city. He continued in that capacity till 1854, attending to all of the business of Gales & Seaton in this locality, which consisted of large landed estates in Burlington and the Illinois landing.

In 1854, in connection with General Fitz-Henry Warren and others, he went to Washington and purchased the entire ferry property and land, amounting to

about seven hundred acres on the opposite side in Illinois. He built four steamboats—three for the ferry and one for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. These were built, respectively, at St. Louis, Cincinnati, and Brownsville, Pa. In the fall of 1856 he sold out his interest in the ferry to General Warren and others, and had nothing further to do with it till 1863, when he took charge of it for Mr. Warren. In 1867 he purchased the ferry again, and continued to run it for many years. In 1859 Captain French became a member of the city council, in which he remained seven years. For five years, during the entire war, he was mayor of the city, and in that capacity did efficient service in aiding the government. He took a very active and prominent part in getting up companies, particularly the First Iowa Battery, in which he met with the most violent opposition on the part of the opponents of the war. But through the aid of General Warren, in Washington, and Dallam Gilbert and John Lahee, at home, he succeeded in getting it up in spite of all opposition. He got a requisition from the secretary of war on the governor of the State to accept the battery on July 23, 1861, the second day after the battle of Bull Run. Captain French was an efficient city officer, and during his administration affairs were managed with order and economy. There was not a single mob nor a single life lost during the whole period.

At the commencement of the war the citizens organized a society for the relief of soldiers' families and widows, which was kept up all through the war. It was managed by a committee of three, namely: Mr. French, who was president,

George C. Lauman, and Mosby Ewing. This was an active institution, doing a great deal of good. Besides carrying on the ferry, Captain French dealt a great deal in real estate, and owned considerable property on the west hill, which was in time divided into lots, and now forms a very attractive portion of the city. In 1872 he purchased his elegant and commodious home on the west hill, which was totally destroyed by fire a few years ago.

Dec. 2, 1849, Mr. French was married to Miss Delia E. Griffey, daughter of William Griffey, one of the early settlers of Burlington. Unto Mr. and Mrs. French six children were born, most of whom are dead. Mr. French was all his life on the liberal and progressive side of politics, in favor of humanity, justice, and liberty for all classes, races, and colors. He cared little whether his views were popular or not, if they were in his judgment right. After some years of retirement, Mr. French died in Burlington, Nov. 2, 1886. He was a man of good business talents, and was successful in his financial operations. For integrity of character and firmness of purpose he justly stood as a man and a citizen. His worthy wife resides in Chicago with her son, and is a lady of much ability and intellect.

DR. G. J. JOHNSON.

THE story of the life and labors of Dr. George J. Johnson, deceased, would fill a volume. Few men live to see such marked results, and reap such rich rewards for their life work. His travels

would reach more than twenty times around the earth,—over five hundred thousand miles; and wherever he went he not only made friends, but imparted to them the impress of his own godly individuality and the strength of his enthusiasm. Alertness characterized his every movement, and a resolute will and indefatigable industry served him mightily in his victorious achievements; but the predominating trait of this strenuous man's life was his "fervency in spirit," and "serving the lord."

Rev. George J. Johnson was born at Trenton Falls, N. Y., Oct. 9, 1824. He was educated in a school at Madison, now Colgate University, N. Y. He received his license to preach in his native place, and during his college days supplied the village church for months at a time. It was also in Trenton Falls that he was ordained, soon after which he came to Burlington, in 1848, as a missionary from the Baptist Home Mission Society. Here he established a church of twelve members, in an upper room on Third Street. He soon built and paid for a respectable house of worship, and was prominently connected with the school known as the Burlington Institute,—raising much of the money necessary for this school, and being a member of the financial executive board for many years.

After a pastorate of ten years in Burlington, Rev. Johnson went to Fort Madison, Iowa, where he also assisted in the organization of a church, and served as its pastor for five years, during which time he led the people in the building of a good house of worship. Returning to Burlington, he served as district secretary of the American Baptist Publication

Society, for the field of the entire West, with headquarters at Burlington and Chicago.

In five years his district was changed to the southwest of the country, with headquarters in St. Louis. During the next two years he resided near Alton, Ill., and led in a campaign for the raising of one hundred thousand dollars for Shurtleff College. The next six years he was stationed at the city of Philadelphia, as the missionary secretary and Bible secretary of the Publication Society, making eighteen and a half years in all that he served this society. During this time he also preached, even more than when a regular pastor.

In 1884 Dr. Johnson returned to Burlington, Iowa, for a second pastorate, during which he completed the second house of worship of the First Baptist church, and baptized some sixty converts. Being broken down in health he took a year's trip in Europe. He then gave his attention for two years to the affairs of Burlington Institute, in Iowa, and mainly supplied the pulpit of a church near by, in Illinois. For nearly two years following he supplied the church at Auburn Park, and for over three years served as a special missionary of the Baptist Board, at St. Augustine, Fla., where he was permitted to erect a beautiful house of worship, free from debt.

Dr. Johnson had the pleasure of dedicating over one hundred church edifices in the different States and Territories, and baptized over eight hundred persons into new life. He certainly raised over one million dollars for various churches, schools, and missionary work. He never fully recovered his health, and at last,

after months of patient waiting, God spoke the word, July 7, 1902, in St. Louis, Mo. The servant answered, and he was with God.

We would like to write more of his masterful ministerial labors, covering a period of over half a century, of his turning thousands to a life of righteousness, leading many young men to the ministry, building churches, endowing colleges, etc., and hold up his life more fully to the young as an example, but this brief record forbids, so we will add a few notes of his happy domestic life.

Dr. Johnson became the husband of Maria Louisa Nickerson in 1850, in Cazenovia, N. Y. Her father was a Baptist clergyman of western New York. Unto Dr. and Mrs. Johnson six children were born: Emma E. is the wife of Alexander E. Forbes, of St. Louis, Mo.; James Nickerson died Aug. 7, 1869; George Thomas became the husband of Miss Helen R. Forbes, of Alton, Ill., and died Nov. 19, 1892; Sarah M. resides with her sister, Mrs. Forbes; Kendall Warren married Miss Nellie Colwell, of Chicago; and Gove Griffith became the husband of Miss May F. Russell, of Hamilton, N. Y. The latter is a Baptist minister of marked ability.

It is impossible to speak adequately of the excellent traits which characterized Mrs. Johnson as a mother, a minister's wife, and a Christian. She had most winning natural traits, both of character and person, and under the sanctifying touch of the spirit, became one of the saintliest of women. On Sunday morning, Dec. 25, 1898, at her home in St. Louis, she received a loving invitation from her Lord to spend that Christmas

day with Him in glory. She was ready to accept the invitation; her work was done; her "wedding garment" was prepared, and so she went where two of her sons had gone before her, mourned by hundreds of friends in each of the many cities which had been her home during the forty-eight years she had been the faithful and loving wife of Dr. Johnson.

GOVERNOR JOHN HOPWOOD MICKEY.

JOHN HOPWOOD MICKEY is a native of the Hawkeye State, born six miles west of Burlington, Iowa, Sept. 30, 1845. His father, Oliver Perry Mickey, was a pioneer in Iowa, locating there in 1836. His mother in maidenhood was Betsey Ann Davison, of English extraction. In 1847, two years after the birth of John H. Mickey, the family removed to Louisa county, Iowa, and there in the common schools of the day the governor to be received his early education, well directed by careful parents who zealously guarded the moral environments of their growing children.

In 1863 John H. Mickey enlisted as a private in Company D, Eighth Iowa Cavalry, and until the close of the war, with his regiment, was in service in eastern Tennessee, with Sherman in his campaign until the surrender of Atlanta, and with Hood and Thomas in their Tennessee campaign. He was honorably mustered out of service in August, 1865. He returned to his Iowa home, and for two years was a student at Wesleyan College at Mount Pleasant, Iowa. Upon leaving

college, he engaged in school-teaching, and during the vacation periods he devoted himself to farming.

Sept. 10, 1867, he was married to Miss Morinda McCray, of Des Moines county, Iowa. One year after, with his worldly wealth, the material part of which he loaded into a prairie schooner, he set out for Polk county, Nebraska, and on Sept. 3, 1868, he had reached the banks of the Blue River, and there filed upon a homestead. At that time there was only one family living in Polk county, though quite a number of claims had been taken up by homesteaders. Governor Mickey remained upon his homestead until November, 1872, when he removed to Osceola, then a town consisting of a courthouse and a small store. The town could not at that time boast of a first settler, as there was not a single residence in the town, and there was much interest attached to who should be the first settler. Mr. Mickey, with his wife, their baby, and a two-horse team and lumber wagon laden with household effects, started for the town, and at the same time another pioneer, W. F. Kimmel, started over the same road for Osceola. It was a race between the two parties as to which would reach the place first. Their horses ran neck by neck the last two miles of the road, but as they neared the town, Mr. Kimmel, having the lighter load, and perhaps the best team of horses, left Governor Mickey a little in the rear, and thus was the Governor robbed of the honor of becoming Osceola's first settler. This race was Governor Mickey's first and last horse race.

In 1870, two years before the location of the county seat at Osceola, Polk coun-

ty was organized and Governor Mickey was elected the first county treasurer, an office he held for nearly ten years. In November, 1880, he was elected a member of the Legislature, and during the term in which he served he was one of the leaders of the House. He was active in behalf of, and gave his ardent support to, the Slocum bill for the regulation of the sale of liquors.

In May, 1879, the Osceola Bank, with a capital of five thousand dollars was opened by Mr. Mickey. This bank through the careful management of Mr. Mickey, has been one of the successful institutions of its kind in the State, and in 1903 had a paid-up capital of \$37,500. Ever since its organization Mr. Mickey has been its president. During the financial stringency of 1893, when financial institutions throughout the country were threatened with disaster, Mr. Mickey's bank survived the storm, and was the means of assisting many of the business houses and farmers of Polk county in maintaining such credit as enabled them to survive during the depressed times.

Governor Mickey from his early manhood has been a Republican of the unswerving kind, though his father was a Stephen A. Douglas Democrat. Governor Mickey's first vote was cast for Lincoln in 1864, when he was only nineteen years of age, the State of Iowa having passed a special act enabling all soldiers to vote irrespective of age. In justice to Mr. Mickey it may be said that his ambitions for political honors have never been overzealous, but his ambitions to serve the people, his State, and his country to the utmost of his power have always been prominent. To this con-

scientious sense of duty is due his ascendancy to the gubernatorial chair. His selection for the nomination of governor came to him without any personal effort of his own other than his obedience to the desires of the Republican party of the State, voiced through the members of the convention which nominated him. The conduct of his campaign in Nebraska was beyond criticism. The fight made in his behalf was a clean fight, and his election was a victory, not alone for his party, but for all citizens of the State who advocate careful administration of public affairs and untrammelled and unbiased exercise of executive prerogatives.

Governor Mickey is a member of the Methodist church at Osceola, has been a trustee of his church for many years, and superintendent of the Sunday-school. In the support of his church and in matters of charity he has always been unostentatiously liberal.

The church at Osceola was erected at a cost of fifteen thousand dollars, toward which amount Governor Mickey donated five thousand dollars. Within the last dozen years he has contributed more than eleven thousand dollars to the Wesleyan University at Lincoln, and there is hardly a State enterprise of his church in Nebraska toward which he has not given liberally, including a subscription of five hundred dollars to assist in the erection of the Methodist hospital at Omaha. While he is a staunch supporter of his own church, he is liberal in assisting other denominations, and is broad-minded in his religious views. For some years he has been the president of the board of trustees of the Nebraska Wesleyan University, at University Place, near Lincoln.

Governor Mickey has been twice married. His first wife died Dec. 23, 1886, leaving him five children. On Dec. 8, 1887, he was married to Flora C. Campbell, of Norden, Nebr., who is the mother of four of his children, his family consisting of nine, all of whom are living—five boys and four girls: The eldest son is Oliver E. Mickey, thirty-three years of age, and is the cashier of his father's bank; Harlan A., age thirty-one, of Keya Paha county, and Evan S., age twenty-nine, who is his father's chief clerk; the eldest daughter, Bertha E., is the wife of H. O. Smith, of the Burlington ticket office at Lincoln; Mary N., the second daughter, is a student at the Wesleyan University at Lincoln; Benjamin H., age fourteen; James H., age twelve; and two young daughters, Flora Elizabeth, age eight, and Norma Adeline, age three. complete the family list of the governor's household.

Governor Mickey was inaugurated Jan. 6, 1903, and is, with his family, making his home at the State executive mansion. He was re-elected Nov. 8, 1904, and is now serving his second term.

HON. CHARLES I. BARKER.

HON. CHARLES I. BARKER, deceased, one of the leading Democrats of the State of Iowa, was the son of Benjamin and Abigail Barker, and was born in Westmoreland, N. H., June 4, 1826. His father was a prosperous farmer among the hills of New Hampshire. Mr. Barker was the youngest of thirteen children,—eleven boys and two girls,—and was the last

survivor of his family. He came West in the early '50's, and engaged in newspaper work at Cincinnati, Ohio, publishing his first newspaper, the *Hamilton Democrat* at Hamilton, Ohio, in 1854.

Feb. 19, 1856, Mr. Barker married Miss Hannah M. Bell, of Hamilton, Ohio, who was born in Urbana, Ohio, Feb. 10, 1837. Mrs. Barker was a daughter of Daniel S. Bell, a prominent lawyer of Ohio, and Julia M. Bell, a niece of the late Governor Thomas Corwin, of Ohio. Four children graced this union: Breckinridge and Paul C., both dying in infancy; Bell C. and Abbie F. Barker, who reside in Chicago. Mrs. Barker passed away in Chicago, Sept. 3, 1898. She was one of the charter members of the chapter, at Burlington, Iowa, of the Daughters of the American Revolution, her ancestor, Major John Brown, having received distinction for acts of bravery during the Revolutionary War. She was a woman of literary ability, and also possessing those lovely traits of character which endear one to all.

Mr. Barker published a Democratic paper at Anderson, Ind., during the war, and later published a paper at Bloomington, Ill. After spending several years South, he came to Burlington, Iowa, in 1867, and was editor and proprietor of the *Burlington Gazette* for a number of years. He was always a staunch Democrat, was a member of the city council in 1896, and represented his State in the Legislature in 1894-95. Mr. Barker was a man of much intelligence, a great reader, well posted on all questions of the day, and was authority on all political subjects.

Oct. 6, 1904, he was taken suddenly ill

while making a trip to his wife's grave, and died at once. The remains of Mr. and Mrs. Barker are buried in Aspen Grove cemetery in Burlington.

JAMES FOX ABRAHAMSON.

ONE who was closely connected with all the interests of Burlington in its early days was J. Fox Abrahams, deceased. He was born in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1812. His father was an Irishman, and did gallant service in the War of 1812, under that celebrated naval hero, Commodore William Bonridge, and received a sword from the commodore as a mark of approbation for his service. The sword is still in the family. His mother was a Quaker, and the name by which he was so familiarly known to the people of Burlington was given to him in honor of George Fox, the distinguished founder of the Society of Friends. Mr. Abrahams came from Philadelphia to Burlington in 1846, at the age of thirty-four years, and resided here till death. He was engaged in the book and stationery business for some years, and finally sold out to John L. Corse, father of General John M. Corse. During the existence of the Burlington and Mt. Pleasant plank road, he was secretary of the company, and during his frequent trips over the line made hosts of friends by his cheerfulness of disposition and many social qualities.

After disposing of his book-store to Mr. Corse, he engaged in real estate transactions in this city, and continued thus engaged up to the first year of Lincoln's administration, when he was ap-

pointed postmaster, which position he held for many years, until he resigned in favor of Mr. Clark Dunham. After this he retired to private life, and spent the last part of his earthly career at the home of Mr. James Love, who was a brother of Mrs. Abrahams.

Mr. Abrahams was a man of strong impulses, of kindly feelings to his acquaintances, and of many private deeds of generosity. None was more generously welcomed in all circles, business and social, than Fox Abrahams, and his death, which occurred July 8, 1875, cast a shadow over the entire city. He was a man of brilliant intellect, the files of the *Hawk-Eye* containing many evidences of his ability. To him we are indebted for the beautiful poem, "The Night Before Christmas," and "The Tin Bucket Brigade."

DR. JOHN F. HENRY.

DR. JOHN F. HENRY, deceased, was one of the leading physicians here many years ago, and was a typical Southern gentleman, being well and favorably known throughout all the county. He was the fifth child of General William Henry, being born in Kentucky, Jan. 17, 1773, and dying in Burlington, Iowa, Nov. 12, 1873, at the age of eighty-one years.

The doctor was married, May 7, 1818, to Miss Mary Basil Duke, who was born Feb. 10, 1797, a daughter of Dr. Basil Duke and Charlotte Duke, of Washington, Mason county, Ky. They became the parents of one child, Elizabeth Julia, who lived only two and one-half years, dying in 1821. Her mother continued to

grieve till malignant fever set in, and death claimed her also Sept. 26, 1821, in Perry county, Missouri.

Jan. 1, 1828, Dr. Henry married Miss Lucy Stringer Ridgely, daughter of Dr. Frederick Ridgely, a distinguished physician of Lexington, Ky. By this union they had six children, all of whom are dead but one: William; Greenbury Ridgely; Mary Belle, who was the wife of the late George Robertson, of Burlington; John Flournoy, of Kentucky; and Flora.

Our subject was a fine conversationalist and a distinguished physician, being a surgeon in the War of 1812-14 under Colonel Boswell, of Kentucky, and at his own request was transferred to General William Harrison's command, directed against Canada. He was in Fort Meigs during a long siege, and was also at the battle of the Thames. In after years he was professor in the medical college of the Miami University in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was a member of Congress, in 1827, from the Christian county, Kentucky, district. Coming to Burlington in the early forties he began the practice of medicine, in which he continued with much success till failing health and the infirmities of old age overtook him.

His son, Dr. Greenbury Ridgely, was born in Hopkinsville, Ky., Sept. 21, 1828, and was educated principally at Jubilee College, Illinois, and at Illinois College, Jacksonville, in that State. He was graduated from Louisville College, in Kentucky, in March, 1849. Soon after this he came to Burlington, and engaged in practice with his father. He had met and become engaged to Miss Kate Logan Chambers during his school days, whom he married, Oct. 16, 1850. Mrs. Henry

was born in Woodford county, Kentucky, Jan. 30, 1830, and was the daughter of Col. George M. Chambers, of Lexington, Ky. She was a capable woman, and it was through her that a large proportion of our subject's success was due.

In professional life Dr. Henry was successful, but met with some financial embarrassments in 1857 from land speculations in the West, which, owing to his large practice, however, he was able to overcome in a short time. He was on the school board for a number of years, and was the president of the board when he died. He was also at that time a member of the State board of trustees for the Hospital for the Insane, at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; president of Des Moines County Medical Society; a contributor to the *Boston Medical Journal*; and president of the examining surgeons of the United States Board of Pensions.

A Democrat of the Jackson school in politics, he took active part in municipal, State and national affairs, but always declined party office. He was a man of very sensitive and tender feelings,—devoted to his profession, and literally died in harness, May 14, 1885, mourned by one and all. Mrs. Henry survived him till March 22, 1891. They had six children, of whom three are living: George C., who recently moved from Burlington to Arkansas; Mrs. Mary Short Tousey, of Chicago; and John F., of Fort Smith, Ark.

JOHN WILLIAM BURDETTE.

AMONG the respected and prominent men who accomplished much for the city of Burlington is John W. Burdette, who

is a son of Frederick Edwin and Sophia Eberhardt (Jones) Burdette. He was born in Cummingsville, now within the corporate limits of Cincinnati, April 27, 1849.

His father was born May 14, 1820, in Virginia, and is a son of Frederick Burdett, who was a successful general merchant and leading citizen of Virginia in his day. His father, James Burdett, with two brothers, came from England. The original stock was Huguenot, and the name was originally spelled Burdette. The final e was dropped in England, however, and has not been restored by all branches of the family.

Father Burdette, as he is familiarly called, was engaged in newspaper work for many years, and was also assistant auditor in Burlington one or two terms. He moved to Chicago in 1892, and makes his home with his daughter, Mrs. Anna de Clereq.

Mrs. Frederick Edwin Burdette, the mother of our subject, was a daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Eberhart) Jones, and was born in Greensboro, Pa., about 1825, and died at Peoria, Ill., in June, 1869. Her father was a full-blooded Welshman, and for many years was a glass manufacturer at Pittsburg; her mother was a full-blooded German.

John W. moved with his parents to Peoria in 1852, where he was educated in the public schools, graduating from the Peoria high school in June, 1864. His first employment was as office boy in the counting room of the *Peoria Transcript* (newspaper, job printing, and book-makers), commencing on April 15, 1865; and he soon after became the general book-keeper and cashier. In 1863 he resigned,

and took the position of deputy county clerk at Metamora, Woodford county, Ill. He was nominated by the Republicans of that county for surveyor in 1869, a Democratic year. In 1869 he returned to his first love, the *Peoria Transcript*, and became one of the staff of that prosperous house, covering southern Illinois, western Indiana, and central Missouri.

Jan. 1, 1871, Mr. Burdette took the position of deputy county clerk at Pekin, Tazewell county, Ill., which office he held till Dec. 31, 1875. He then accepted the position of city editor of the Burlington *Hawk-Eye*, assuming his new duties Jan. 2, 1876. He was appointed city auditor by the city council in August, 1877, for the unexpired term of eight months. During his term as auditor the finances were reformed, a large floating debt was paid, interest on city warrants was abolished, the business of city was put on a cash basis, refunded bonded debt of \$413,000, and, saving one-per-cent interest, provided for paying the principal with it, as a sinking fund.

He was twice re-elected city auditor. He assisted the city solicitor in obtaining judgment in favor of the city for \$28,000 against a firm of brokers for breach of contract in sale of refunding bonds. He organized and installed at Burlington the first public electric-lighting plant west of the Mississippi River. In 1880, on reorganization of the Hawk-Eye Company, he obtained control of a majority of the stock, becoming its business manager, and later also chief editor.

Mr. Burdette was appointed United States collector of internal revenue for the new fourth district of Iowa, in 1884, by President Arthur. In 1885 he dis-

posed of all his newspaper interests, and established a printing and publishing house on North Main Street, as Burdette & Company, incorporated, and was also engaged as manager and owner in several other enterprises. He was the first president of the Iowa Editors' Association, and for four years was president of the Iowa Baptist State Convention. In 1892, at the request of county court of Cook county, Ill., he became assignee for a mammoth label factory,—the R. S. Dickie Manufacturing Company, with headquarters in Chicago, and a large plant in Elgin.

The following December he closed up his business in Burlington, and moved his family to Chicago, where in 1894 he opened up an office for the general practice of law. He was the attorney for Englewood Law and Order League, and forced a reform in justice-court practice in criminal cases, by prosecuting an action by mandamus against a justice of the peace (*Condit vs. Lee*, 83, Ill. App. 537).

He carried to the supreme court of Illinois the famous Plumber's case, and reversed the appellate court's decision. He invalidated a Chicago ordinance under which the city collected \$27,000 annually from plumbers as license (*Wilkie vs. Chicago*, 188, Ill. 444), recently on appeal, and reversed the United States circuit court's decision at Chicago in two important patent-infringement suits. He has personally practiced before federal courts in seven States, covering five of the nine circuits; and in the State courts of Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, and South Dakota, but has never specialized.

Oct. 9, 1870, Mr. Burdette was mar-

ried to Miss Anna M. Egbert, a daughter of Captain Lewis J. and Annie Matilda (Waterman) Egbert, of Metamora, Ill., formerly of Georgetown, Ohio. This union was blessed with one son and four daughters, of whom three daughters are now living: Irma, Zuleme, and Idelle. Mrs. Burdette was a woman of rare mental and moral gifts, possessed great force of character, and cherished the most lofty ideals. For several years she conducted with signal success the literary and home department of the Burlington *Hawk-Eye*. Her acquaintance with books and authors was remarkable, and her judgment the most reliable. She died in Chicago, Jan. 31, 1898, and is buried in Aspen Grove cemetery, in Burlington, Iowa.

On Jan. 3, 1905, Mr. Burdette married Mrs. Helen M. Clark (née Stedman), for eight years the relict of George Clark, deceased. She is an accomplished and polished lady, a lifetime resident of Chicago, and one of its leading teachers and artists in oil, water colors, and china decorating. She holds a medal of the World's Columbian Exposition, and maintains an elegant studio in the Auditorium Tower, as well as one in her home in Englewood, and continues the devoted pursuit of her art. She is a member of the Englewood Baptist church, of which Mr. Burdette has been deacon for eleven years.

JOSEPH PENDLETON WIGHTMAN.

JUDGE JOSEPH P. WIGHTMAN, deceased, helped to make the name of "Old Hickory" immortal, and could look back over almost a century of years and find in

in them little to regret so far as his personal life was concerned. He was born in Hudson, N. Y., Aug. 26, 1800. At the age of twenty-four he left his home, and went to Marietta, Ohio, where he taught school for five years, and then became interested in steamboating on the Ohio River. In 1843 he came to Burlington, Iowa. In 1854 he was elected to the mayoralty of Burlington, and two years later was elected president of the board of education. In addition to these civic honors he was probate and county judge, and was otherwise known to the public and his fellow-citizens as proprietor of the Wightman House, which was first on Main and later on Fourth Street.

About 1875 he went to Chicago to live with his daughter, Mrs. Oscar Ward, but never engaged in business there. He was a large and robust man, and during his long life of ninety-four years rarely was ill, and it is said of him that he did not use a doctor's prescription nor ask his advice for fifty years. Death came to him at last, when the machinery of life had simply run down, Aug. 8, 1894. Judge Wightman had always been in the front rank of the citizens of Burlington, who paid him a marked tribute of respect at his large funeral.

In 1825 Judge Wightman became the husband of Miss Lucinda Cole, whose girlhood days were spent in Marietta, Ohio, where her father was a man of some prominence. She was familiarly known to all as Aunt Lucinda, and was a woman possessing rare ability, and a disposition as mild and gentle as a dove. She was one of the earnest and faithful members of the First Baptist church. Surviving her husband six years, she

passed peacefully away in 1900, at the ripe old age of ninety-four. Judge and Mrs. Wightman quietly repose in beautiful Aspen Grove cemetery, which he helped to plat, and was the first to buy a lot where for forty-five years no spade had broken the sod for a grave.

Unto Judge and Mrs. Wightman four children were born, as follows: Wallace W., of Buena Vista, Colo.; Henry, deceased; Julia, the widow of Oscar Ward, residing in Chicago; and Joseph P., who lives in Evanston, Ill., where he is a retired employee of the railroad.

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HON. A. H. STUTSMAN.

EX-JUDGE A. H. STUTSMAN, now a resident of Santa Ana, Cal., was for many years a highly respected resident of Iowa, where he followed the profession of a lawyer. His parents settled on a farm west of West Point, Lee county, in 1842, and it was there our subject spent his boyhood days. When the Civil War broke out, he was one of the first to enlist in Company C, Iowa Volunteer Cavalry, July, 1861, in Burlington, and served till March, 1864, when he received a wound which caused the loss of one of his arms, and he was accordingly discharged. After this he read law at Fort Wayne, Ind., and was admitted to the bar in 1866. In 1870 he located in Burlington, and began his chosen profession. He was a strong politician, early in life having affiliated himself with the Republican party, of which later he became a leader. From 1874 to 1876 he filled the office of city solicitor, and in 1878 was elected judge of

the district court, the district being then composed of four counties. In 1882 he was re-elected without opposition, and at the end of his term returned to his practice in the city.

Both the judge and his estimable wife were active workers and devoted members of the First Baptist church. They still retain their beautiful home on Foster Street, to which their many friends and neighbors hope they will return. Mr. and Mrs. Stutsman are the parents of three sons and one daughter: Carl A., who for many years was associated with his father in the practice of law, and was also one of the young and enterprising alderman of the city for several terms, is with his parents in California, as are also Carrie, Walter, and Abraham. Judge Stutsman's family stood high socially, as well as prominently in business affairs, and during their long residence here have made many warm and true friends, who would give them a royal welcome were they to return to their old home.

RICHARD SPENCER.

AMONG the self-made and highly respected men of Burlington we recall the name of Richard Spencer, who was born on the banks of the Susquehanna River, in the village of Jersey Shore, Lycoming county, Pa., Oct. 26, 1823. His father was of English and his mother of Scotch-Irish descent. The village schools afforded but little means of education in those days, but in 1837 the family moved to Ohio, and Mr. Spencer attended a better common school for a few months. In

1840 his father moved to Jay county, Indiana, where they had all the hardships of pioneer life to contend with. There were no schools or churches, social advantages, books or papers, or any of the refining influences that constitute social life as it exists to-day in most parts of the country. Here our subject had five long years of hard laborous work with only an occasional coon hunt as a means of recreation. After this he taught school in Indiana and Ohio in small schools, boarding around with the pupils. In 1846, Mr. Spencer located in Lebanon, Ohio, where he opened a harness and saddlery store, having learned this trade some years before.

In 1849 Mr. Spencer married Miss Amanda J. Mathews, who was born Aug. 19, 1831. Of the nine children born of this union, five are still living in New York City: Laura, wife of George H. Patchen; Ella, Kay, Fred, and Theodore.

When Mr. Spencer came to Burlington in 1856, he was connected with the management of a threshing machine, and in 1859 took charge of the gas business in Burlington; and to this business, as superintendent, secretary, manager, and president, he was devoted most of his life. He was president of the two companies when he died, Oct. 16, 1896. He had always been a Democrat till 1854, when he became a Whig, and later a Republican. He was always a free trader, and advanced the cause of single tax, which advocacy grew out of his sincerest conviction and a burning desire to improve economic conditions among his fellow-men. Mr. Spencer lived and died honored and respected for his integrity and singleness of purpose. He was a deter-

mined champion of the rights of individuals, and an equally stout defender of law and order. Mrs. Spencer and daughters moved to New York city in 1897, where she died, Feb. 8, 1905. Every one acquainted with Mrs. Spencer loved her for her gentle, Christian character.

M. C. CONNOR.

M. C. CONNOR, deceased, was one of the leading jewelers of Burlington for a period of nearly forty years. His birth occurred in Zanesville, Ohio, where he entered the army at the age of sixteen in what is called the hundred-day service, and as he was not quite old enough to be accepted as a regular soldier, was made orderly and assigned to the staff of Col. Johnson as a non-commissioned officer.

After this he turned his attention to learning the mechanism of clocks and watches, and entered the store of R. S. Mershon, a celebrated watchmaker, who invented the patent regulator on the Howard watch. In 1866 Mr. Connor came West and located in Burlington, where the firm of Fix & Connor was established and continued till 1878, when Mr. Connor bought out Mr. Fix and moved to Jefferson and Third Streets. Mr. Connor belonged to the Democratic party, but never aspired to be a leader or office holder.

Although of a very domestic turn, he never married, but enjoyed a comfortable home in his elegant rooms in Mrs. Catherine Wightman's residence on North Hill for over twenty years. The last eight or ten years of his life he was in

very poor health, and though he spared no means in trying to regain his lost blessing, fate was against him. In April, 1905, he started on a trip abroad, hoping to be benefited by the journey, but became so weak he had to retire from the vessel before the end of the journey was reached, and died in Gibraltar, April 30, 1905, aged sixty-one years. His remains were brought back to Burlington, and buried in Aspen Grove cemetery. Mr. Connor is survived by one sister, Mrs. Grannon, a widow residing in Ohio.

Though he started out in life with little, he had at the time of his death accumulated a fortune, some of which he distributed among the city hospitals in Burlington. Mr. Connor was a perfect gentleman, and enjoyed the hospitality of many homes.

GEORGE FRAZEE.

GEORGE FRAZEE, deceased, stood prominent among the leading lawyers of Burlington; his firm purpose from the beginning of his legal career was to honor his profession; and his success in this regard is best attested by the high esteem in which he was held by the members of the bar. He was a son of William and Betsey (Dennan) Frazee, and was born in New York City, April 1, 1821. His father was a native of the same city, of Scottish ancestry, his forefathers being among the early Scotch emigrants who settled in what is known as Scotch Plains, N. J. His mother's family was originally from the same region, and her father was a major in the War of Independence.

Mr. Frazee attended the public schools

in his native city till he was about fourteen years of age, and in 1843 went to Danville, Ky., where he studied law and was admitted to the bar. After practising there until 1849, he decided to come West, and located in Burlington, which was then a very small village. In early life he was a Whig, but upon the formation of the Republican party became one of its able and earnest supporters. He was on the editorial staff of the Burlington *Hawk-Eye* for several years.

Mr. Frazee also held various public offices, having served as United States court commissioner, and collector of customs of this port. He was also justice of the peace for many years, and the last office he held was that of police judge. In 1897 failing health and impaired eyesight caused him to abandon active business, and he was necessarily retired the remainder of his life. His life in Burlington covered a period of over fifty-five years, and at the time of his death, which occurred Dec. 8, 1904, at the age of eighty-five, was one of the oldest lawyers, both in age and time of residence in the city.

Nov. 12, 1848, Mr. Frazee was married to Miss Nancy Park Martin, in Danville, Ky. Mrs. Frazee was a daughter of Col. Edward Martin, of Rhode Island, where she was born. Of the six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Frazee, only two remain: Fannie, who kept house for her widowed father for years, and in many ways tried to cheer and comfort him in his long period of blindness and poor health, is a resident of Burlington; Florence is a resident of New York. Mrs. Frazee's death occurred Feb. 9, 1882. She was a woman of much strength of character and one

who made friends of all. As an editorial writer Mr. Frazee was a sharp critic, and forceful in argument. He had been a great reader in his day, and during his long years of residence made scores of friends in the county, who were very kind and attentive to him when nature deprived him of the blessing of sight.

PROFESSOR JOHNSON PIERSON.

PROFESSOR JOHNSON PIERSON was a prominent figure in the history of Burlington, and the family name is closely identified with the development of the place. He was one of the best-educated men of pioneer times, and possessed the characteristics of the intelligent, affable old Virginian school, to be found in quite a number of the prominent families of early Burlington. He is the second son of John Pierson, Sr., who came to Burlington, Iowa, in 1835, where he died Jan. 3, 1861, in his eightieth year.

Professor Pierson was born on a farm in Ohio county, Va., June 24, 1814, under the administration of President Madison. He received his primary education in a log schoolhouse in his native county, and later, when about eight years of age, was sent to a school on the Virginia and Pennsylvania State line, where, in 1824, he had the pleasure of seeing General Lafayette (escorted by the great Kentucky orator, Henry Clay), caparisoned in regiments, wearing the sword that was General Washington's gift. This was a treat to the entire school. He later became a student in the Wheeling Acad-

emy, where he learned all the higher branches of study.

In 1835 he came West with his father, and settled in what was then called the Flint Hills. Still desiring a higher and more complete education, he entered the McKendree College in 1837, where he took a classical course of four years. On the day of his graduation, in 1841, he was elected principal of Mt. Vernon Academy by members of the board of education (who were visitors).

In 1845 he was elected professor of ancient languages and literature by the board of trustees of the Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, Collegiate Institute. In 1849, owing to overwork, he was obliged to resign, and moved his family to Burlington, where he soon recuperated.

About this time he was induced to become editor of the *Hawk-Eye*, and as the times were lively with the political issues of the day, he greatly encouraged his party, yet at the same time treated his opponents in a very fair and courteous manner. Through the efforts of his friend, Senator Dodge, he secured a position on the staff of Surveyor-General Lewis. In connection with his father he continued publishing his paper till 1855, when Clark Dunham and John L. Brown bought the paper.

When Lincoln called for seventy-five thousand to crush the rampant trend of secession, he was appointed commissioner of the draft for the first congressional district. He served two years with Captain Rutledge as chief, and Dr. James Shaffer as examining surgeon. When the Cedar Rapids Railroad was completed, Professor Pierson was appointed postal clerk, and ran on the road as such till

1885, which covered a period of thirteen years. Since then he has been retired, devoting odd moments to his favorite pastime of writing poems. He has made his home among his children since his wife died, and at the present writing he is in St. Louis with his son, John L. Pierson, at 1252 Aubert Avenue. During the last two months he has been sorely afflicted with paralysis.

Professor Pierson was married in 1842 to Miss Martha J. Howard, at Lebanon, Ill., by Reverend John M. Peck, author of "Peck's Gazetteer." Mrs. Pierson was born in Xenia, Ohio, Christmas day, 1820, and of the eight children born to them five remain, as follows: Cora married Robert Cameron, of Burlington, who died a number of years ago. Mrs. Cameron resides in Chicago. John L., of St. Louis; Byron, and Ada, who is now Mrs. Ball, reside in St. Louis. Robert J., the youngest child, is now in Old Mexico.

Professor Pierson is a member of the Philosophian Society, and has had the degree of Doctor of Philosophy conferred upon him by McKendree College, his *alma mater*, and by the Wesleyan University, where he taught. He has also written a number of poems, the oldest of which is: "Struggles of the Revolutionary Heroes." The first one published was in 1842, entitled "The Judaied." Another was entitled "The Old School-master." One very interesting poem called "Old Zion," contains the names of many of the old settlers of Burlington. His longest poem is: "Fair Illinelle, a Romance of Kaskaskia." His Semi-Centennial of the Statehood of Iowa, entitled "A Poem" was published in 1897, and is a very interesting production.

JUDGE L. D. STOCKTON.

JUDGE L. D. STOCKTON, deceased, was born in Richmond county, Kentucky, in 1814, and after acquiring a thorough education in law, which he had chosen as his life work, he came to Iowa in 1837, and located in Burlington, where he at once opened a law office. For a short period in the early days Judge Stockton was associated with John Pierson, Sr., in the publication of the Burlington *Hawk-Eye*, but soon disposed of his interest to his partner and gave himself to the practice of law. In 1856 he was appointed judge of the supreme court by Governor Grimes. His wife, who was Miss Elizabeth Collins in maidenhood, bore him five sons and three daughters, most of whom are dead. Mrs. Stockton died in 1862. In early life Judge Stockton was a Whig, and upon the organization of the Republican party became one of its constituents. He was the honored mayor of the city of Burlington between 1850 and 1855. His death occurred June 9, 1860. He was active and enterprising and ranked among the leading lawyers of the State. Judge and Mrs. Stockton were devoted members of the Methodist church. They lived where the J. S. Schramm residence now stands on Seventh and Columbia Streets.

COL. JOHN CREE ABERCROMBIE.

COL. JOHN C. ABERCROMBIE, deceased, was a resident of Burlington for fifty years, and distinguished himself in the Mexican and Civil Wars. His father, a native of Philadelphia, of Scotch parent-

age, was an officer in the "Pennsylvania Bucktails" and served in the War of 1812, dying in Miami county, Ohio. His son, John Cree, was born in the village of Lundesburg, Perry county, Pa., Oct. 30, 1823, and became an orphan at the age of eleven years. When eighteen he left Ohio and came to Iowa, arriving in Burlington Oct. 10, 1841, on the steamer "Agnes." Soon after coming he enrolled in a company organized by Captain Hight to aid Texas in gaining her independence. When later the Mormon difficulties attracted his attention, he went there, was arrested as a spy, and with some difficulty secured his release through the intercession of James W. Woods, familiarly known as "Old Timber," who had some influence with the saints. When the Mexican war was declared, he enlisted in Company K, Fifteenth United States Infantry, under Captain Guthrie, participating in many battles.

At the close of this war he returned to Burlington, and was engaged in the practice of dentistry till the beginning of the Civil War, when he enlisted in the First Regiment of Iowa Volunteers, leaving here May 14, 1861, as lieutenant of Company E, which company he commanded at the battle of Wilson's Creek. Soon after returning he was appointed major of the Eleventh Iowa Volunteers, and left for the field with his regiment, which was a part of the famous Crocker brigade. He took part in the battles of Shiloh, Corinth, Vicksburg, Atlanta, Jonesboro, and Ezra Church. At Shiloh, the first day he was wounded in the head. Returning to Burlington in 1864, he engaged in the commission business, and also as agent of steamboat lines, until 1869, when total

blindness set in, and also a crippled condition of limbs, which confined him close to his home.

Oct. 25, 1854, Colonel Abercrombie married Miss Amelia Swain, at Cascade, Iowa. Of their three children who grew to maturity, two remain: John S., who was a mail-carrier in Burlington many years ago; Nellie, is the wife of Carl Vogt, of Denver, Colo.; Anna, became the wife of Mr. Randall, and died a few years after her marriage. The severe afflictions of Colonel Abercrombie lasted till January, 1890, when death released him. The high regard in which he was held was constantly manifested by his many friends, who visited and read to him during his twenty years of blindness. He took great delight in reviewing the past, being very well posted on early pioneer times.

WILLIAM B. EWING.

WILLIAM B. EWING, deceased, familiarly known as Father Ewing, was born in Gettysburg, Pa., May 1, 1793, where his ancestors on both his father's and mother's side lived from the settlement of the place. His father, John Ewing, was a farmer in the immediate vicinity, and had a mill on the ground rendered historic by the famous battle fought there during the Rebellion, and the national cemetery since erected. Our subject was reared on his father's farm, and educated in the common schools of the district. In 1812, when nineteen years of age, he crossed the mountains by stage to Pittsburg, and such was the condition of the roads that the driver carried along a rail to pry the

stage out of the mud in the worst places. Arriving at Pittsburg, he descended the Ohio River to Cincinnati, where he was engaged with an uncle for six years in the dry-goods business, having also a branch store at North Bend, Ind., on a place belonging to Gen. William Henry Harrison.

In July, 1819, Mr. Ewing was married to Miss Martha A. Mosby, daughter of Daniel Mosby, of Boone county, Kentucky, who was a friend and companion of Daniel Boone. He and his young wife spent the first six years of their married life on a farm in Kentucky, raising tobacco. After carrying on the dry-goods business in Indiana for several years he came to Burlington, Iowa, in 1839. He at once opened a dry-goods store under the firm name of Ewing & Logan, and continued till 1844, when he retired from business, turning his store over to his sons, D. Mosby and John F. Ewing.

Mr. and Mrs. Ewing were the parents of five children, all of whom are dead. His son Mosby was engaged in the hardware business on Main Street, with John G. Foote, for many years. William and Robert Ewing, sons of Mosby, kept a drug store on the corner of Fourth and Jefferson Streets, in Burlington, for some time. The former died in 1890. Mrs. Ewing died in 1830, and in 1832 Mr. Ewing was married to Mrs. Mary A. Antrobus, of Greensburg, Ind. She died at her mother's near Cincinnati, in 1840, after which Mr. Ewing remained a widower. He and his son Mosby lived together for over fifty years under one roof, having never been separated.

For over fifty-two years he was a devoted member of the Baptist church, and

having been baptized in the Ohio River in 1824, being one of the charter members of the first church in Burlington, Iowa. His death occurred Dec. 12, 1876. He was a man of remarkable energy and integrity of character, and of a pacific and conciliatory disposition in business. In all his long years of mercantile life he never had a lawsuit with any man. At his death the city lost an upright citizen, the church a true standard bearer, and his many friends one whom they loved and respected.

HANS THIELSEN.

HANS THIELSEN, deceased, was connected with the construction of the railroads here many years ago. He was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, in 1819. He came from a highly accomplished and cultured family, and received a liberal education in the colleges of his native place. He was one of three children, all of whom are now dead. In the early '40's he was married to an English woman of many accomplishments, and who gathered around her many friends while residing in Burlington. Mr. and Mrs. Thielsen became the parents of four children: A daughter, who died very young; Henry, Julius, and Horace, all of whom now reside in Oregon.

Mr. Thielsen came to America when quite a young man, and was first engaged as an engineer to help build the Michigan Central Railroad. He also built the Burlington & Missouri Railroad, and then went West, settling in Oregon, where he built the Short line from Portland to San Francisco, and later was with the North-

ern Pacific Railroad. Mr. Thielsen died in 1892, and his wife passed away in 1902. They were both Swedenborgians, and citizens in every respect of which the whole community were justly proud. Mr. Thielsen was a Republican, but never aspired to hold office. His home while he resided in Burlington was in a house on Washington Street on the present site of the First Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Thielsen was a great reader, was well informed on all the leading topics of the times, and was considered good authority on many subjects.

MERCY LEWIS.

MISS MERCY LEWIS, deceased, was one of the best-known pioneer settlers in Des Moines county, and to her as much as to any other old settler is due the present high position in educational circles which Burlington now occupies. She was born in Connecticut, Jan. 12, 1816, and spent the early years of her life in that State, where she received a substantial education. In 1844 Miss Lewis and her sister Lucada came to Burlington, and opened up a private school in a small frame building on the lot now occupied by the residence of Mr. C. L. Poor, on North Sixth Street. They carried on this school for sixteen years, when Lucada died in 1860, at the age of forty-six years. After this, Miss Lewis taught alone, continuing till 1870, and such prominent citizens as E. H. Carpenter, Hon. Thomas Hedge and sister, Mrs. Squires, John T. Remey, Mrs. Henry Ritter, Judge Browning,

Mark, Neuton, and Laura Derby, and many others, were her pupils, and received their first and, in many instances, only education. She was exceedingly popular with her pupils, although several were severely disciplined. She was a believer in the old-fashioned and strict ideas of the people of Connecticut; these were thoroughly drilled into her pupils. There are very few of the present older business and professional men who did not receive their first instruction from Miss Lewis.

After the school burned down, she returned to private life, purchasing a comfortable home on High Street, where her many friends often gathered to celebrate her birthdays, and to listen to her as she told things of interest concerning the past. She was one of the older members of the Congregational church, and an active worker in religious and charitable fields. Rarely did the state of the weather keep her indoors, if she felt she could relieve the sick or divide with the needy. Her quiet, conscientious ways, which she demonstrated in a very modest manner, and many noble deeds made her many friends among all classes of people.

Nov. 21, 1897, at the age of eighty-one years, after a brief illness, she received the summons to come up higher, and joined the dear ones she talked so much about. She was the last of her father's family, as her brother Nathan of Danville passed away a few years previous to her death. Years may come and go, and many new ones will be ushered in to fill the places of the departed, still there will ever be cherished in the hearts of all the kindest and most pleasant recollections of Miss Lewis.

HENRY K. EADS.

HENRY K. EADS, deceased, was for many years one of the most highly honored and respected citizens of Des Moines county. He was born Oct. 25, 1811, in Franklin county, Indiana, and was a son of Jonathan and Mary (Kindle) Eads, both of whom were natives of Maryland. They were the parents of eleven children. Mr. Eads came to Iowa by team from Indiana in 1840, and found on his arrival an uncultivated, uninhabited region, with the exception of a few settlements. At that time all kinds of wild animals were plentiful, and bands of Indians might be seen on the prairies. The early life of our subject was spent in Franklin county, Indiana, where he received his education in the log schoolhouse, with its rude benches and no floors. He attended school only in the winter time, his summers being passed in helping on the farm.

At the age of twenty he left the parental roof for a home of his own, and was united in marriage with Miss Ensley, a native of Franklin county, Indiana, and a daughter of Samuel and Catherine (Eads) Ensley. Immediately after their marriage Mr. Eads rented a farm, upon which they lived till 1840, and where three of their children were born. He settled on a farm in Burlington for a while, but did not find it very profitable, and took up the trade of a stone-mason, laying the foundation for the old building known as the Barrett House, and also several other foundations. In 1846 Mrs. Eads was called to her final rest, and was buried in Aspen Grove cemetery.

In August, 1847, Mr. Eads married

Miss Virginia Sleeth, who was born in Harrison county, Virginia, in October, 1820, and was a daughter of John C. and Catherine Sleeth, who emigrated to Des Moines county in 1837. From this union there were four children, of whom Florence is living in Stillwater, Minn., and is the wife of Mr. Burnham.

During the early '60's Mr. Eads bought farm land in Flint River township, and lived in that part of the country for over thirty years. He was a Republican in politics, and held the office of justice of the peace for some twelve years, and his decisions were always sustained by the higher courts. Mrs. Eads passed away in 1901, and Mr. Eads died in 1904, the latter being in his ninety-third year. They were both devoted members of the Methodist church, and had many friends and acquaintances in Burlington, where they spent the last few years of their useful lives. Mr. Eads was also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

ADAM HARTZELL.

ADAM HARTZELL, deceased, was a son of John and Mary (Row) Hartzell, and was born in Menallen township, Adams county, Pa., April 6, 1809. His father, who was a miller by trade, died in June, 1828, and his mother passed away in November, 1838. Their large family of children were educated in the common schools of their native county.

Adam followed the milling business from the time of his father's death till 1861, when he moved from Newport, Perry county, Pa., to Iowa, and settled

in Des Moines county, near Burlington, April 18, 1844. He carried on farming and stock-raising with much success, and was an enterprising citizen.

May 21, 1833, he married Miss Catherine A. McAllister, who was a daughter of Alexander McAllister, and was born in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, June 17, 1816. She was one of ten children. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hartzell thirteen children have been born, six of whom are living: Randall M., Adam R., and Samuel T., of Peru, Kans.; Mrs. S. M. Lines, Sophia M., and Austin L., of Des Moines county, Iowa.

Mr. Hartzell was a Republican, but never an office seeker. He and his wife were members of the Methodist church. This upright and highly respected couple lived to ripe old age, both being over eighty years old at the time of their death. Mr. Hartzell died Sept. 14, 1890, and Mrs. Hartzell's death occurred April 15, 1905.

J. ADAM FUNCK.

J. ADAM FUNCK, deceased, was born at Altheim, Grand Duchy of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, Sept. 27, 1807. His father was a baker, to which trade Adam was brought up, and which he followed from the age of seventeen till he was about thirty-three.

He came to America Aug. 1, 1830, landing in Baltimore, where he lived and followed baking for two years. He then went to St. Louis, in the fall of 1833, working there till the fall of 1834, when he went into business at Vandalia, then

the capital of Illinois, carrying on baking and a grocery business.

In 1835 Mr. Funck was married to Miss Maria Kriechbaum, in St. Clair county, Illinois. After remaining in Vandalia two years, Mr. and Mrs. Funck came to Burlington, in May, 1836; here he built a house, and in October commenced the baking and grocery business on Washington Street, between Front and Main Streets. In 1842 he bought a farm in Flint River township, and farmed there some four years. He was also engaged for some time in the furniture and tanning business.

In July, 1865, he engaged in the wagon and plow business on Seventh Street, under the firm name of Burg, Funck & Company. In August, 1871, he bought out Mr. Burg, and associated himself with John Hertzler in the wagon business, under the firm name of Funck & Hertzler. They were prosperous in this undertaking, and built up a very large trade throughout all Iowa.

Mr. Funck and his family were members of the German Methodist church. In politics he belonged to the Democratic party. He was a man of strong and honest convictions, possessing a kind and sympathetic nature, and his name and character were never marred by a guilty act.

Mr. and Mrs. Funck were the parents of twelve children, six sons and six daughters, of whom seven are living. His two youngest sons, Charles and Adam, reside in Burlington, the former being city marshal, and the latter has a blacksmith shop on Columbia Street. Mr. Funck died May 8, 1877, in his seventieth year. Mrs. Funck survived her husband

some years, but was called to rest Oct. 28, 1897, aged eighty-five years. She was a woman of a very mild and gentle disposition,—one whose arm was ever reaching out toward the poor and needy. She was faithful to her Christian profession, and as long as health permitted was a regular attendant of her beloved church.

COL. HENRY E. HUNT.

COL. HENRY E. HUNT, deceased, familiarly called H. E., was a well-known and popular character of Burlington for many years. His birth occurred in Elkton, Todd county, Ky., Aug. 29, 1820. When he was twelve years of age he served as an apprentice in a blacksmith shop in Newark, Ohio, which trade he followed for twelve years and then became a grocer in Columbus, Ohio.

In 1849 he came to Burlington, and the next year opened a grocery store, which he conducted for many years with much success, owing especially to his kind and genial disposition. He was a member of the city council for some time. After disposing of his grocery he did not engage in any active business, though he was identified with several shows, and was ever considered the "showman's friend."

He erected a beautiful home on lower Main Street, which has recently been purchased by Mr. Carl Neis. Mr. and Mrs. Hunt are both dead, the former passing away a number of years ago, while her husband survived her till the summer of 1903. Their three sons, Herbert, Hayden, and Harry, are now resid-

ing in Chicago. Mr. Hunt was a man with a warm and generous heart, and counted his friends by the thousands.

HENRY MOORE.

HENRY MOORE, deceased, was one of the very earliest settlers in Burlington, coming in the spring of 1834, when there were but two log cabins in the place, and helped to erect the first frame buildings for the original proprietors, Doolittle and White. He was born near Hagerstown, Md., March 6, 1808, and when six years of age went to Ohio with his father, who settled on Sunfish Creek. Here Henry was brought up amidst the hardships and privations of frontier life, without the advantages of education, until twenty-two years of age, when he moved with his father to near Lafayette, Ind., where he remained one year.

In 1833 he came to Nauvoo, Ill., bringing a good horse with him, which he sold for fifty dollars, and was thus enabled to purchase a chest of tools and other necessities of life. He began to work for a dollar and a quarter a day for Lyman Chase, who had several frame buildings to erect. He went into partnership with Mr. Stone, and remained with him for a short time, after which he began contracting and carrying on business for himself until 1851, when he entered into the real estate business. In 1858-59 he erected a large and substantial residence on the corner of Third and Court Streets, which was known in later days as the Moore House.

In politics Mr. Moore was always a

Democrat, and in 1846 was elected mayor of the city, having served six years previously in the capacity of an alderman. He was also town recorder and county treasurer at different times.

When quite a young man Mr. Moore married Miss Sarah Pierson, daughter of John Pierson. By this union one son was born, William H., who is a resident of Burlington. Mrs. Moore died Nov. 19, 1876. Mr. Moore finally retired from active business, though he enjoyed hunting and fishing as well as many a young man. He passed away March 6, 1891. In business he was always a careful and prudent manager, and by his energy and integrity accumulated a comfortable property. He possessed an excellent memory, and often furnished many reminiscences of pioneer life to those who sought historical data of the county.

DR. W. B. CHAMBERLIN.

THE career of Dr. William Brattle Chamberlin was a remarkable one. He possessed all the traits of the good and upright citizen, and was a true philanthropist, a devoted Christian, and one who took the most active part in the welfare of his fellow-men in his day.

Dr. Chamberlin was born in Pittsfield, Mass., Aug. 12, 1794. He was reared a Presbyterian, and belonged to the Brattle family that founded the Brattle Street church, the first church in Boston; and his uncle, or great-uncle, gave the very first money to start Harvard College.

Dr. Chamberlin studied medicine, and received the degree of M. D. from the Berkshire College, at Pittsfield. In 1822

he married Jeanette Campbell, and about the same time removed to Kentucky, where he lived and practiced medicine for some twenty-five years. In 1849 he removed from Warsaw, Ky., to Burlington, Iowa. Prior to the war he lived for some years at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and then returned to Burlington. In 1865 he went to California, where he remained two years, and then once more returned to Burlington. In 1873 Dr. Chamberlin went to live with his daughter, Mrs. Manly, in Kentucky, and there remained till his death. He survived his wife about thirty-one years.

Mrs. Chamberlin was born Nov. 30, 1801, and died June 2, 1853. She was a noble Christian woman, of fine mind and great refinement. This exemplary couple were the parents of eight children, two of whom died in early infancy. Of the rest,—two sons and four daughters,—only one daughter is now living: William, the elder son, died June 16, 1859, in his twenty-fifth year; Elisha died Aug. 16, 1870, in his forty-fourth year; Elizabeth died Aug. 18, 1851, in her eighteenth year; Alice Grey, the youngest child, wife of Edwin Knowles, of Galesburg, died Dec. 22, 1865, in her twenty-sixth year; Ida, born in Warsaw, Ky., Sept. 1, 1837, became the wife of Horace B. Ransom, of Burlington, Iowa, and died in Burlington, July 21, 1894, leaving one son, William Otis; Mary Jane, married for her first husband Virgil McCracken Pendleton, a lawyer in Burlington, Iowa, who was killed in the Civil War. Later Mrs. Pendleton married M. C. Manly, of Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Pendleton had three children: Elisha, Ida, and Nettie. Mrs. Manly now resides in Chicago. The

mother, the two sons, and Elizabeth died at Burlington, and Mrs. Knowles in California, all of consumption.

Dr. Chamberlin was of a very sensitive temperament, and subject to extremes of buoyancy and depression, depending chiefly on his health or exhaustion from labor. At times all looked dark to him, but when well he was disposed to look on the bright side of all things. In his darkest hours he never expressed or felt a doubt of the ever-enduring goodness of God. He led a very active life, and excepting when asleep or disabled, was never idle. He was always engaged in some business transaction, or in converse with friends; and about his home he was busy with hoe, or spade, or pruning-knife, or other implement; or with book or pen; or in search of something attractive in nature. He was a great lover of the beautiful and useful, and took special delight in the cultivation of fruits, plants, shrubs, and flowers about his premises, and in such cultivation he was very successful.

He was also a great lover of books, and a great reader on theological, religious, moral, and educational topics,—taking especial pains to obtain and circulate such works as fell in with the liberal and humanizing tendencies of the age. He was proud-spirited but not haughty, and was keenly sensible of his own imperfections, in common with those of others. He was thoroughly democratic in his feelings. A lover of freedom and equality, civil and religious, he could brook no assumption of superiority on the part of king, lord, pope, bishop, priest, or others, save the simple excuse of their legitimate functions as public servants.

He was, of course, opposed to slavery, and living many years in a slave State, and being more or less outspoken on the subject, he incurred the serious displeasure of the more ignorant and violent of the slave-holders of his vicinity. He was what was called a violent abolitionist in his day, and believed in buying all over a certain age, and setting free all born after a certain time. These strong views, always freely expressed, made him many bitter enemies, and at one time his life was threatened. He bought a girl to keep her from being sold away from her family, which cost him about four thousand dollars. He forgave a man that indebtedness for her. She lived in the family a number of years, and was taught to read,—almost a crime in those days,—and was free the moment he took her. She preferred to stay in his family, intending to go to Iowa with them, but died just before Dr. Chamberlin's family started.

Dr. Chamberlin possessed largely the faculty of acquisitiveness, which not only spurred him to make such attainments as he deemed useful, but also enabled him to gather, in his early manhood, a considerable share of this world's goods. He seemed to entertain the idea that he had become possessed of more than really belonged to him. In looking over the broad field of humanity, he saw the great inequality existing, and that the masses needed more education, and the poor needed more relief, and so making what provision he deemed necessary for himself and family, he determined, rather than to continue acquiring simply to hoard, to become his own executor, and made such disposition while living of

his surplus means, as would, as he thought, be of the greatest service to his more needy fellow-men.

About the time the doctor came to Iowa he purchased books and gave libraries to religious societies in different locations, one of them to the Mt. Pleasant Universalist Society. He also brought with him to Iowa a number of Mexican land warrants, one of which he gave to the Mt. Pleasant society, one to the society at Oskaloosa, and one or two each to other societies. The one he gave to the Mt. Pleasant society laid on land in the county, and brought one thousand two hundred dollars, which went toward building the church. Dr. Chamberlin became a member of the Universalist church of Mt. Pleasant in March, 1868. While living there he was an active member of the school board, and devoted much time to the interests of the schools. He also, during the same period, gathered and set on foot, through solicitation and purchase, a public library of several hundred volumes. This library constituted the nucleus of what is now the Ladies' Library of Mt. Pleasant, which has become one of the established institutions of the city.

While living in Burlington, in conjunction with Senator Grimes and others, he aided in the establishment of the Burlington City Library, and took personal care of it for several years. In 1855 he placed in the hands of the trustees of the Universalist Society at Mt. Pleasant the sum of one thousand dollars to be invested, and the interest to be used freely and annually, for the relief of the needy in the county. Subsequently, in 1868, he added to this fund obligations which

after a time, amounted to six thousand dollars, which was to be kept as a permanent fund, with the provision that the annual income, after some allowance for the care of the fund, and for local relief as before, should be apportioned to Universalist and Unitarian parishes in Iowa and neighboring States, to be used solely for the relief of the needy, irrespective of religious belief. He also placed a like fund of one thousand dollars, for like purposes, with the trustees of the Universalist church at Galesburg. In 1856 or 1857 Dr. Chamberlin also gave Lombard College, of Galesburg, five thousand dollars, some valuable books to the library, and some additions to the cabinet. He was made a trustee in 1858, and served some years. In 1870 he added to his former gift certain bank stock worth three thousand dollars.

Dr. Chamberlin died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mary J. Manly, in Covington, Ky., March 28, 1884, in the ninety-fourth year of his age, and his remains were brought back to Burlington, Iowa, for interment with his beloved wife and other members of his family. The doctor was of a very retiring and unassuming disposition, and was very averse, while living, to have his name paraded in connection with his benefactions. Now that he is gone it is but just to his memory, and to his relatives and friends, that suitable mention be made of them. While he was not what might be called a rich man, still he gave freely and cheerfully, and certainly his example will lead others likewise situated to follow his worthy deeds.

The doctor's idea of genuine religion was that it consists in doing good to

others, and probably intended to illustrate this idea in a small lithographic card, which many looked upon, standing with a basket of fruit in his hand, with a couple of barefooted urchins standing by his side, to whom he appears to be dispensing the fruit. On the margin over the picture, in his own hand were the words: "Getting and enjoying religion." On the back of the card were several short sentences, of which the following is one: "All the good that we can get out of the world is the good we do in it."

HON. SHEPHERD LEFFLER.

AMONG the honored dead, who by upright character and enterprising disposition became prominent in State and county, is the Honorable Shepherd Leffler. He was an early pioneer of Iowa, and respected throughout the State. The ancestors of the Leffler family a few generations back came from Bavaria. Mr. Leffler was a son of Jacob and Jane (Smith) Leffler, both of German descent but born in America, and was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, April 24, 1811. When he was quite young he moved with his parents to West Virginia, where he lived till he completed his education. He was graduated at Jefferson College, Canonsburg, Pa., in 1833, and afterward studied law, graduating from the law department of the same college. He came West in 1836, making the journey from his home in West Virginia to Burlington, Iowa, on horseback.

He was married at Muscatine, Iowa, in December, 1840, to Miss Elizabeth Par-

rotte, who was born in Virginia, Aug. 12, 1821, where she lived until shortly before her marriage. By this happy union four children were born, two sons and two daughters: The elder daughter, Mrs. Amelia L. Sunderland, resides in Chicago; Charles D. is married, and lives near Maryville, Mo.; the younger daughter, Jane, wife of Isaac B. Morris, died March 29, 1878; Paul Eugene, the younger son, is married, and lives near Maryville, Mo.

On Oct. 2, 1878, the devoted wife and mother was called from earth to heaven, leaving a vacant chair in this home, which was never filled. Mr. and Mrs. Leffler were members of the Episcopal church, and he always took an active interest in everything calculated to advance both church and State.

Hon. Shepherd Leffler was a man of quiet and unassuming manners, strictly temperate, a great reader, and profound thinker. Early in life he began to take an active interest in the political questions of the day. He belonged to the Democratic party, and was elected to the State Legislature in 1839, when Iowa was a Territory. He was president of the first convention which met at Des Moines, Iowa, to frame the laws of the State, and a member of the upper house of the Legislature, in 1841-43. He was elected to Congress in 1845, and served till 1851; and later, at the beginning of the Civil War, in 1861, he was again candidate for Congress, but the State being hopelessly Republican, he was defeated.

After that he retired to private life for a few years, always living the life of a country gentleman when political honors did not call him from home. His home

life was one of uninterrupted happiness for nearly forty years. Mr. Leffler secured the right of way for the C. B. & Q. Railroad as far west as Ottumwa, Iowa, giving them the right of way through all his land. He was the Democratic candidate for governor in 1875, but was again defeated, although he polled a large vote, and was supported by many of the leading Republicans on the strength of his high moral standing in the State.

Shortly after that his health, which was never robust, began to fail, and he once more retired to his country home near Montrose, Iowa. After the death of his younger daughter and beloved wife, which occurred within six months of each other, Mr. Leffler seemed to lose all interest in life, and lingered in this condition for nearly a year, dying Sept. 7, 1879. His remains were taken to Burlington, Iowa, for burial, and for twenty-six years have rested in Aspen Grove cemetery by the side of his devoted wife and loving daughter. Years may come and years may go, but they can not efface from the hearts and minds of his many friends and admirers the cherished memory of Shepherd Leffler, who was an ideal, home-loving man, an enterprising citizen, and a noble statesman.

WILLIAM E. BROWN.

WILLIAM E. BROWN, an early pioneer of Burlington, was born in Fairfield county, Connecticut, Jan. 4, 1807, being a son of Jedediah and Rebecca Brown, natives of Connecticut. His marriage to

Miss Rhoda Bonton occurred in September, 1828, at Pound Ridge, Westchester county, N. Y.

Removing to New York City, he worked in a store for some years, until wishing to remove to the far West, as this region was then known, he came to Des Moines county, Iowa, settling at Flint Hills, as Burlington was formerly called, Nov. 18, 1834, where he worked at blacksmithing some years. Later he entered Hendrie's foundry and worked as a molder for seventeen years, when he retired from active employment, enjoying the accumulations of a lifetime at his own home on the corner of Fifth and Vine Streets, the parchment deed for which he held from the government, with President Tyler's signature.

To Mr. and Mrs. Brown were born ten children, five of whom died in infancy. The others were: William Mitchell, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, born Sept. 10, 1837, the first white child born in Des Moines county, and died in Union Star, Mo., Oct. 2, 1903; Emily, born in Burlington, June 20, 1843, and died in Burlington, the widow of Daniel Howard, July 6, 1898; Clara, born in Burlington Dec. 3, 1845, and died unmarried in Burlington, Jan. 18, 1868; Gould J., born in Burlington March 10, 1847, and died in Crete, Nebr., Jan. 26, 1894; Anna E., wife of J. B. Staples, born in Burlington Jan. 5, 1850, and lives at corner of Fourth and Maple Streets, Burlington. Mr. Brown's wife died March 3, 1864, in Burlington, aged fifty-two years.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Brown were active Methodists, doing much to establish Methodism in the new country. Mr. Brown organized the first Sunday-school

in the State of Iowa, at Burlington, and was its superintendent, the school holding its sessions in a log cabin in 1837.

Mr. Brown's second marriage was made April 8, 1866, with Mrs. Elizabeth W. Andress, widow of Daniel S. Andress.

In Mr. Brown the Methodist church had a faithful worker for a long lifetime, joining the church at twenty-four years. He held various offices—trustee, steward, Sunday-school superintendent, and class-leader—many years, to all of which he gave absolute fidelity.

His first vote was cast for Jackson, his only Democratic vote, as he thereafter affiliated with the Whig and Republican parties.

He was a man of strong and pure principles, hating slavery, intemperance, and all sin uncompromisingly. Of a cheerful, gentle nature, he was well beloved by all who knew him. Mr. Brown died Sept. 9, 1889, in Burlington, and was buried from the church he had helped so long to maintain, it having risen from a log cabin, with few members, to a beautiful and stately edifice, with nearly a thousand membership—a power in the community.

THOMAS H. CARTER.

THOMAS H. CARTER, now a Senator of the United States from the State of Montana, resided in Burlington from 1875 until his departure for Montana in 1882. His family here consisted of himself and two sisters. They resided for many years on Franklin Street, and then moved to Prospect Hill. Mr. Carter was born in Scioto county, Ohio, Oct. 30, 1854. In

1865 his family removed to Christian county, Illinois, where he resided until coming to Burlington in 1875. In Montana he practiced his profession, attorney-at-law, from his arrival in 1882 until his election to Congress in 1888. He was the last delegate in Congress from the Territory of Montana, and was elected its first representative in Congress on its admission to the Union in 1889. He was commissioner of the general land office from March, 1891, to July, 1892, when he resigned to accept the chairmanship of the Republican National Committee, which position he held until the election of Marcus A. Hanna at the St. Louis convention in 1896. In January, 1895, he was elected to the Senate of the United States for the term beginning March 4 of that year. In the elections of 1896, 1898, and 1900 the Bryan silver forces overthrew the Republican majority in Montana, and Carter was defeated for re-election at the legislative session of 1901, being succeeded by the millionaire mining magnate, Hon. W. A. Clark. In 1905 Mr. Carter was again elected a Senator from Montana to succeed Hon. Paris Gibson, whose term expired March 4, 1905. His term will expire in 1911.

GEORGE H. WILLIAMS.

ONE of the noted men among the early settlers of Burlington, who is still prominent in public life, is Hon. Geo. H. Williams, now, at eighty-two years of age, mayor of the city of Portland, Ore. He was born in New Lebanon, Columbia county, N. Y., March 26, 1823. He moved

with his parents to Onondaga county when a child. He was educated at Pompey Academy, studied law with Hon. David Gott, and was admitted to practice in the State of New York at the age of twenty-one years.

He emigrated to Iowa Territory in 1844, and located at Fort Madison, where he practiced law until 1847, when he was elected judge of the first judicial district, then including the counties of Lee, Des Moines, Henry, Louisa, and Washington, serving five years. At that time Mr. Williams was a Democrat; but the Whigs united with the Democrats in offering him a unanimous re-election, which he declined. He was presidential elector-at-large for Franklin Pierce in 1852, and canvassed the State for him.

By this time a strong tide of emigration was flowing toward the Pacific Coast, and Mr. Williams removed from Burlington to Oregon, of which Territory he was appointed chief justice by President Pierce in 1853. He was re-appointed by President Buchanan, but declined the appointment, because, in common with many other Democrats of that period, he did not approve of the President's policy as to Kansas. He was a member of the constitutional convention to form a constitution for Oregon, and chairman of the judiciary committee. The new State was admitted to the Union Feb. 14, 1859, and Mr. Williams has ever since been prominent in its political activities, and has represented it at Washington in both the Senate and Cabinet.

He was elected to the United States Senate in 1864, and served six years from March 4, 1865. He was a member of the high joint commission to make the treaty

of Washington for the settlement of the Alabama claims, and was appointed attorney-general of the United States by President Grant in 1871, serving nearly four years. The president, recognizing his eminent legal qualifications, nominated Mr. Williams for chief justice of the United States Supreme Court, but political complications arising, afterwards withdrew his name.

In 1902 Mr. Williams was elected mayor of Portland, which office he now holds during the progress of the Lewis and Clark Exposition (1905), setting a marked example of physical and mental virility, and devotion to public interests. He is the only surviving member of President Grant's Cabinet, and, it is believed, the only pioneer of Burlington dating as far back as 1847 who is still in public life.

THOMAS M. WILLIAMS.

ONE of the early settlers of Burlington, who was held in high esteem by his fellow-citizens, was Thomas Martin Williams, a native of Ireland, who came here from Pittsburg, Pa., in 1838 or 1839. Mr. Williams was of Scotch-Irish descent, with an admixture of Welsh blood, and inherited the rugged manhood of those people. He was a man of more than ordinary intellectual capacity, and coming of a family in comfortable circumstances, he was well educated, and developed a taste for literature and general knowledge. He possessed an aptitude for polemics, and was endued with the characteristic Scotch-Irish gift of oratory, which especially qualified him for public discus-

sion, and in which he found a pleasing and useful field of effort.

Without necessity for engaging in manual employment, he thought to fit himself for the profession of law, but ultimately abandoned the project at the earnest solicitation of his mother, a woman of profound religious convictions and piety, who regarded the profession of law, at that time, as incompatible with a deep religious faith. The son revered the mother, who was undoubtedly a woman of unusual intelligence and devoutness, and he inherited much of her religious faith and zeal, a trait that dominated his entire life and left its imprint upon all with whom he associated.

Mr. Williams was the son of George MacWilliams, the latter being the family name until the migration to America, when the prefix Mac was omitted, and the simpler and more popular form adopted, as has been quite generally done by many of the descendants and collateral branches.

George MacWilliams was a farmer, and lived at Cooteshill, County Cavan, Ireland, and was married to Elizabeth McCrea. He died at the age of twenty-four, leaving a widow and two children, Thomas and Agnes Nancy.

The estate was settled, the farm sold, and the family prepared to remove to America; but after the passage tickets were bought, the mother was taken sick with what was supposed to be only a severe cold. The doctor ordered her to the seashore to await recovery, and the son and daughter reluctantly sailed, expecting the mother on the next vessel. It was a long and tempestuous voyage of eleven weeks' duration. The vessel

sprang a leak, and was compelled to find a harbor at Miramachi, Canada, instead of New York or Philadelphia, as intended. From that point Mr. Williams and his sister journeyed to Philadelphia, arriving in that city in 1824.

Instead of welcoming their mother by the next vessel, they received a letter announcing her death. The ties of family affection were strong, and both were prostrated by the great sorrow; the daughter was taken with brain fever, and was ill for a long time. The son, in a paroxysm of grief, suffered a hemorrhage which nearly ended fatally, and laid the foundation for his premature death later in life.

Mr. Williams engaged in business employments in Philadelphia, and traveled. He married Miss Letitia Benning, the daughter of a merchant and manufacturer at Downingtown, now a suburb of Philadelphia. Owing to his health failing, with apparent symptoms of lung trouble, he removed to Pittsburg, and engaged in the manufacture of rope, in concurrence with the theory of the physicians that the inhalation of the fumes of tar used in the process would be beneficial. After living at Allegheny City several years, and his health again becoming precarious, he accepted medical advice to change to a Western climate. He shipped his family and household goods by steamer down the Ohio and up the Mississippi River as far as Galena, but concluded to return to Burlington, where he had friends, and located on the Irish Ridge road. After farming for several years, Mr. Williams removed to the city, bought property near the foot of Agency Hill, and established a rope factory, selling the product

to merchants in eastern and southern Iowa and western Illinois. He died Dec. 16, 1856, and was buried with Masonic honors.

At a special communication of the Des Moines Lodge, No. 1, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, held Tuesday, Dec. 16, 1856, resolutions were adopted in memorial; and the *Daily State Gazette*, of Burlington, in commenting upon his death in its issue of December 17, said:—

"His character through life was that of an honest, industrious, upright man and a good citizen, signally faithful in all the duties that belong to the head of a family, to the social relations, and to good citizenship. To a mind of unusual vigor and much cultivation he added a heart that was ever alive to the best affections, and a benevolence of disposition which never slept when the charities of our nature demanded its activity. He was, in a word, a man of many virtues, and of but few, if any, faults.

" 'None knew him but to love him—
None named him but to praise.'

"He died, as he had lived, without an enemy, and the sympathies of a whole community have followed him to his final resting place on earth.

"His funeral took place yesterday afternoon, and was largely attended, not only by our citizens generally, but by almost the entire Masonic fraternity of the city, of which society he had long been a bright and most honored member, and of which he was grand senior warden for the State at the time of his death."

Mrs. Letitia (Benning) Williams, born in Oxford, Pa., Nov. 13, 1805, was the

daughter of John and Jane (Hopkins) Benning. The father was born at Newtoncumavady, County Derry, Ireland, 1774, and died at Philadelphia when he was forty-five years of age. He came to America when eighteen years old, but returned to Ireland and kept a store at Coleraine until he returned to America a few years later. He was a man of great enterprise in manufactures and general merchandizing, and accumulated quite a fortune. His religious faith was Presbyterian; in politics a Jacksonian Democrat. His wife, Jane Hopkins, was born at Newtoncumavady within two and one-half miles of the sea, and from their home passing ships were in plain view. The family were of the Covenanter, or Presbyterian, faith. They had nine children, all except the first one born in the United States. Letitia, the fourth child, was married in Philadelphia to Thomas M. Williams, Dec. 3, 1827, and died at Burlington, Iowa, March 12, 1883. She was a woman in whom the love of home and family was very strong, a most devoted wife and mother, of marked patience and cheerfulness, facing every peril and trial of life with wonderful endurance and an abiding Christian faith.

Children: George, Elizabeth J., Rev. Addison C., Milton B., Mrs. Matilda W. Power, and Mrs. Letitia C. Waite.

REV. A. C. WILLIAMS, D. D.

THE Rev. Addison Crawford Williams, D. D., son of Thomas M. and Letitia (Benning) Williams, was born in Allegheny City, Pa., June 23, 1834. The family gen-

ealogy is given in the sketch of Thomas M. Williams in this book.

He prepared himself for a college course, and completed his secular education in the Burlington University. He taught school for a short time, and continued his studies preparatory to entering the ministry. Mr. Williams and Charles C. McCabe (afterward the famous war chaplain, and now bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church) were boy associates, and both were converted in "Old Zion" church, Burlington. Both resolved to consecrate their lives to religious work. Mr. Williams was licensed to preach in 1859, and entered upon his first appointment at West Point, Iowa. He filled in succession pastorates at Denmark, Fort Madison, Mt. Pleasant, Burlington, Des Moines, and Indianola, Iowa; St. Louis, Mo.; Minneapolis and Northfield, Minn.; Lincoln, Nebr.; Kansas City, Mo.; and Los Angeles and Riverside, Cal. A profound student, he kept in touch with the best thought of the day. Blessed with natural gifts of oratory, he was a successful and popular preacher and faithful pastor. He was a man of strong personality, and of rugged convictions, loyal to principle, and imbued with great faith and zeal for the cause to which he was called and to which he consecrated his manhood.

He was married, June 23, 1859, to Miss Edith Candy, of Burlington, Iowa. Mrs. Williams was born in Bath, England, Dec. 22, 1839, but was brought to this country when eleven years old. She united with the Methodist Episcopal church in her girlhood, and attended the Iowa Wesleyan College at Mt. Pleasant. Mrs. Williams died in Riverside, Cal., Nov. 22, 1896.

They had seven children: Edith Lola, born in Burlington, Iowa, April 7, 1861, married Evan Abram Hosier, Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 3, 1888, now living in Kansas City, Mo. They have one child, Abram Williams, born in Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 27, 1891. George Addison, born in Fort Madison, Iowa, Aug. 11, 1862. Abbie Lincoln, born in Fort Madison, Iowa, Sept. 22, 1864, married George Gale Hitchcock, of Lincoln, Nebr., Sept. 7, 1887, lives in Claremont, Cal., and is member of the faculty of Claremont College. They have four children: Edith Marguerite, born at Lake Minnetonka, Minn., Sept. 1, 1888; Harry Williams, born in Lincoln, Nebr., Dec. 31, 1889; George Gale, born in Claremont, Cal., Nov. 11, 1895; Arthur Lincoln, born in Claremont, Cal., March 9, 1902. Mary Eva, born in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, April 9, 1866, now living in Los Angeles, Cal. Charles Milton, born in Burlington, Iowa, April 19, 1868, and has one son, Bert, born in Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 22, 1896. He is now living in Los Angeles, Cal. Letitia Elizabeth, born in Indianola, Iowa, Nov. 22, 1872, now living in Los Angeles, Cal. Letitia Eliza, born in Indianola, Iowa, Nov. 22, 1872, now living in Los Angeles, Cal. Thomas Dale, born in St. Louis, Mo., in 1874, died in infancy.

REAR-ADMIRAL JOHN GRIMES WALKER.

JOHN GRIMES WALKER is a naval officer, and was born in Hillsboro, N. H., March 20, 1835. He graduated at the United States Academy in 1856. When the Civil War broke out, he enlisted, and took part in the capture of New Orleans,

in operations against Vicksburg, and almost all the battles on the Mississippi River in 1862 and 1863. He commanded the gunboat "Shamut" in the capture of Wilmington, N. C. He was secretary of the light-house board in 1873-78, and chief of the bureau of navigation in 1881-89. He was promoted commodore in 1889, and rear-admiral in 1894; was then assigned to command the Pacific Station, and was retired in 1897. He was president of the naval retiring board in 1895, chairman of the light-house board in 1895-96, and of the commission for the location of a deep-water harbor in the coast of southern California in 1896-97. From 1897 to 1899 Mr. Walker was president of the Nicaragua Canal Commission, and president of the Isthmian Canal Commission since 1899.

GOVERNOR JOHN CHAMBERS.

JOHN CHAMBERS, the second governor of the Territory of Iowa, was born at Bromley Bridge, Somerset county, N. J., Oct. 6, 1780. His father, who was of Scotch-Irish descent, served in the war of the American Revolution. When John Chambers was fourteen years of age, the Chambers family moved to Mason county, Kentucky. In 1800 our subject was licensed to practice law, and his career as a lawyer was quite successful. At one time he embarked in the business of manufacturing, but incurred heavy losses.

In 1803 Governor Chambers was married to Miss Margaret Taylor, who died three years later; and in 1807 he married Miss Hannah Taylor, a sister of his first wife.

During the War of 1812 he served on the staff of General William Henry Harrison, with whom he campaigned later in the famous presidential campaign of 1840. As a civil officer, John Chambers held many positions. In 1797 he became deputy clerk of the district court, and in 1812 he was chosen to represent his county in the State Legislature of Kentucky. In 1815 he was re-elected to the State Legislature. In 1828 he was elected to fill a vacancy in the House of Representatives at Washington, D. C. In 1830 and 1832 he was again elected to the State Legislature, and in 1835 he was returned to Congress, being re-elected in 1837.

March 25, 1841, he was commissioned governor of the Territory of Iowa, by President Harrison. He arrived at Burlington, Iowa, on the twelfth day of May, where he succeeded Robert Lucas, who was practically removed from office nearly two months before the close of his first term. The day following his arrival, May 13, 1841, he entered upon his duties as governor. In 1844 he was re-appointed to the office of governor of the Territory of Iowa, by President Tyler; but in 1845 he was removed by President Polk. He then retired to his farm, "Grouseland," which was located a few miles west of Burlington, and died Sept. 21, 1852, at the age of seventy-two years.

GEORGE COLLIER REMEY.

REAR-ADMIRAL GEORGE COLLIER REMEY, of the United States navy, was born in Burlington, Iowa, Aug. 10, 1841. He is a son of William Butler and Eliza

Smith (Howland) Remey, the former a native of Kentucky, the latter a native of Vermont; grandson of Nathaniel and Matilda (Grigsby) Remey and of Seth and Harriet (Emmons) Howland, and a descendant of the Pilgrim, John Howland, who came to this country on the "Mayflower," and landed at Plymouth, Mass., December, 1620.

He was graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1859, and was attached to the "Hartford," East India squadron, 1859-61. He was commissioned lieutenant, Aug. 31, 1861, and served on the gunboat "Marblehead" at the siege of Yorktown, and operations on the York and Pamunkey Rivers; was on the blockade and engaged in the siege of Battery Wagner, August and September, 1863; for a time during this period commanded the "Marblehead," and commanded the naval battle on Morris Island; took part in the bombardment of Fort Sumter, where he commanded the second division of boats in a night assault on the fort on the night of Sept. 8, 1863, and was taken prisoner; was exchanged Nov. 15, 1864. He was promoted lieutenant-commander June 25, 1865, and was attached to the steamer "Mohongo," Pacific squadron, Naval Academy, the sailing frigate "Sabine," the Tehantepec & Nicaragua Ship Canal Survey, the Naval Observatory, the flagships "Worcester" and "Powhatan," and commanded the "Frolic," 1865-1873; was commissioned commander Nov. 25, 1872.

He was married July 8, 1873, to Miss Mary Josephine, daughter of Charles Mason, the first chief justice of Iowa, a native of New York, and a descendant of Captain John Mason, of the Pequot war

fame, and Angelica (Gear) Mason, a native of Massachusetts, of Burlington, Iowa. A sketch of Judge Mason may be found elsewhere in this volume. Mr. Remey served in the bureau of yards and docks and on other duty, 1874-1876; commanded the "Enterprise," 1877-1878; was chief of staff on the flagship "Lancaster," European station, 1881-1883; and at Navy Yard, Washington, D. C., 1884-1886. He was promoted captain in October, 1885, and was captain of the Navy Yard, Norfolk, Va., 1886-1889; commanded the cruiser "Charleston," 1889-1892. Pacific and Asiatic squadrons; was captain of the Navy Yard, Portsmouth, N. H., 1892-1905, and commandant of same yard, 1896-1898. He was promoted commodore June 19, 1897; commanded the naval base, Key West, Fla., during the Spanish war; afterwards commanded the Navy Yard, Portsmouth, N. H., 1898-1900. He was promoted rear-admiral Nov. 22, 1898; was commander-in-chief of the Asiatic station, April, 1900, to March, 1902; was from May, 1902, to Aug. 10, 1903, chairman of the lighthouse board and senior rear-admiral on the active list of the navy, and was then placed on the retired list of the navy by operation of law, sixty-two years of age.

GOVERNOR ROBERT LUCAS.

ROBERT LUCAS, the first governor of the Territory of Iowa, was born at Shepherdstown, in the valley of Jefferson, Jefferson county, Va., April 1, 1781. His father, who served in the Revolutionary War with the rank of captain, is said to

have been a descendant of William Penn, of Pennsylvania. His mother was of Scotch descent. Robert was the ninth in a family of twelve children, six of whom were sons.

About the time our subject attained his majority, the Lucas family removed to Portsmouth, Scioto county, Ohio, then a part of the Northwest Territory. Before going to the Ohio frontier, however, the father freed his slaves. In 1816 Robert Lucas became a resident of Piketon, Pike county, Ohio, where he continued to live until his removal to the Territory of Iowa, in 1838.

Governor Lucas was first married in 1810, to Miss Elizabeth Brown, who died in 1812; and in 1816 he married Miss Friendly A. Summer. One of his sons, Edward W. Lucas, was lieutenant-colonel of the Fourteenth Iowa Volunteers in the War of the Rebellion.

Robert Lucas spent the greater part of his life in the public service, and held the office of first lieutenant in the Ohio militia in 1803, and in 1804 held the same office in the militia of Scioto county, Ohio. After promotion through the several subordinate ranks, he was finally appointed major-general of the Ohio militia in 1818. He was at one time commissioned as captain in the regular army of the United States, and served in the War of 1812. Subsequently he was appointed to the position of lieutenant-colonel, and then of colonel, in the United States army.

As to civil positions, it appears that Robert Lucas was first appointed to the office of county surveyor by the governor of Ohio, in 1803. In 1805 he was commissioned justice of the peace for Union

township, Scioto county, Ohio. For nineteen years he served in the Legislature of Ohio. The records show that he served as chairman in both branches of the Ohio Legislature. In 1820, and again in 1828, he served as presidential elector from Ohio. Two years later he was re-elected to the same high office. In 1838 he was appointed governor of the Territory of Iowa by President Van Buren. Finally, in 1844, he served as a member of the First Constitutional Convention of Iowa. It is worthy of mention that Governor Lucas acted as chairman of the first national convention of the Democratic party, which was held at Baltimore, Md. At this convention Andrew Jackson was nominated as the Democratic candidate for the office of president of the United States.

After retiring from the office of governor of Iowa, in 1841, Robert Lucas took up his residence on a farm which he had purchased near Iowa City, Iowa. He died at Iowa City, Feb. 7, 1853, at the age of seventy-two years.

GOVERNOR JAMES CLARKE.

JAMES CLARKE, the third and last governor of the Territory of Iowa, was born in Ligonier Valley, Westmoreland Co., Pa., July 5, 1812. Leaving home at an early age, he learned the trade of a printer, and found work in several places, including Harrisburg, Pa. In 1836 he decided to go West, and secured a position in the office of the *Missouri Republican*. It was about this time that the original

Territory of Wisconsin was established by Congress, and Mr. Clarke was attracted by the opportunities afforded by this new Territory. With Mr. John B. Russell he joined in the publication of a newspaper (the *Belmont Gazette*) at Belmont, the newly appointed capital of Wisconsin. This was in the fall of 1836, and when the first Legislative Assembly of the Territory met in October, James Clarke was named as the printer for the Territory. When it was decided to remove the capital to Burlington, Iowa, Mr. Clarke hastened to the new seat of government west of the Mississippi, and founded the *Wisconsin Territorial Gazette* and the *Burlington Advertiser*.

Prior to the establishment of the Territory of Iowa, in 1838, Mr. Clarke was appointed Territorial librarian by Governor Dodge. Upon the death of William B. Conway (first secretary of the Territory of Iowa), President Van Buren appointed Mr. Clarke secretary of the Territory of Iowa. In 1844 he became mayor of Burlington, Iowa, and during the same year he served as a delegate to the first constitutional convention, which convened at Iowa City. Upon the removal of Chambers by Governor Polk, Mr. Clarke was appointed to the office of governor of the Territory of Iowa, which position he held from November, 1845, to December, 1846.

In 1840 Mr. Clarke married Miss Christiana H. Dodge, a daughter of Henry Dodge, the first governor of the Territory of Wisconsin. In 1850, at the age of thirty-eight, Mr. Clarke died a victim of the cholera plague. One son and his wife had met a similar fate a few weeks before the death of the ex-governor.

HON. P. HENRY SMYTH.

HON. P. HENRY SMYTH, deceased, an eminent lawyer and early settler of Burlington, Iowa, was a prominent figure in legal circles, and during his long years of residence in Burlington acquired a reputation for a deep and comprehensive knowledge of the law. He was born in Washington county, Virginia, March 10, 1829, and was the son of James Crawford and Ann Ryburn (Orr) Smyth. At the age of eighteen, Mr. Smyth moved to Henry county, Tennessee, where he studied law and was admitted to the bar. In 1851 Judge Smyth was married, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Miss Mary A. Crocker, daughter of J. Davis and Deborah (Doane) Crocker. Mrs. Smyth was born in Cleveland, of which place her ancestors were the earliest settlers. The Doanes settled in what is now Cleveland in 1801, when there were but two houses on its present site.

In 1857 Mr. Smyth removed to Burlington, Iowa, where he soon succeeded in establishing a large and lucrative practice, and by his superior legal ability and prompt attention to the business of his clients was soon declared one of the foremost lawyers of the State. In politics he was a Democrat, and uncompromising in his views. He was appointed district judge of the first judicial district of Iowa in April, 1874, by the Republican governor, C. C. Carpenter, to fill a vacancy, but resigned the position in September of the same year.

In 1900 Judge and Mrs. Smyth sold their handsome home, which they erected in 1874 on Fourth and Court Streets, to Mercy Hospital, and moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where they owned a beautiful suburban residence. Here he lived in retirement

for some years, when the failing health of old age came on, and March 21, 1905, ended his earthly career, leaving a widow and two children to mourn his death: Judge James D. Smyth, the respected district judge of the district court of this district, who is a graduate of Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., of the class of 1874, and is a resident of Burlington; and Dora, who is the wife of Charles L. Dyer, of Seattle, Washington.

He is also survived by one brother, Captain John O. Smyth, a railway builder, and for many years chief of police of Burlington, who is now the last of his father's family, which consisted of seven sons and two daughters. Judge Smyth was a devoted member of the Episcopal church, being one of the early members. He is buried in Cleveland, beside his children, who died many years ago. Personally, Judge Smyth was a man of charming disposition and ready wit, being a pleasant conversationalist and the possessor of decided opinions on the leading topics of the day. In his profession he was respected as a worthy opponent and a hard fighter, and won many stubbornly contested cases by his superior insight in legal matters.

CLARK DUNHAM.

CLARK DUNHAM, at one time editor and proprietor of the *Hawk-Eye*, and also postmaster of Burlington, was descended from an ancestry honorable and distinguished, the line being traced directly back to Elder Brewster, one of the leading members of the Puritan band who came to the shores of New England on the "Mayflower." Na-

thaniel Wales, his great-grandfather, was an ensign, serving with that rank in the Revolutionary War, and later became a captain.

Asahel Dunham, father of Clark Dunham, was married in Norwich, Conn., Oct. 30, 1814, to Susan Wales, and their son Clark was born at New Haven, Conn., Jan. 21, 1816. In 1818 the father, with his family, removed to Hartford, Licking county, Ohio, and in 1826 went to Newark, that State, where he engaged in making brick. There Clark Dunham acquired a common-school education, and with money which he earned met the expenses of a course of study in Granville College. About the same time he learned the printer's trade, and about a year after the completion of his college course, purchased and edited the *Newark Weekly* and a tri-weekly paper called the *Farmers' Journal*. He was thus engaged until 1850, growing in experience and judgment as the years passed by. Selling the paper in 1850, he then engaged in the construction of the Sandusky & Newark Railroad, now a part of the Baltimore & Ohio system.

Coming to Burlington with his family in 1854, Mr. Dunham, in connection with his brother-in-law, John L. Brown, purchased the *Hawk-Eye*, which was then published three times a week. They continued its publication under the firm style of Dunham & Brown for two years, when Mr. Dunham became sole owner. He had published this paper in the interest of the newly organized Republican party, but was so tactful in the expression of his views that he did not offend those politically opposed to him, and built up a good patronage. In 1857 he bought the *Tri-Weekly Telegraph*, and for a short time the paper was published as the *Hawk-Eye and Telegraph*, but soon

the latter name was dropped, and the *Hawkeye* has since been the name of this journal. It was an earnest champion of the Union under the leadership of Mr. Dunham, who just before the close of the war sold the paper to the firm of Edwards & Beardsley. After a period of rest, he accepted the position of postmaster of Burlington in 1867, and thus served until his death, April 12, 1871, when fifty-four years of age.

Mr. Dunham was survived by his wife and four children. Mrs. Dunham bore the maiden name of Lucretia Adams Williams. They were married Jan. 21, 1841.

WILLIAM SALTER, D. D.

DR. WILLIAM SALTER, a distinguished divine, author, and lecturer, and a prominent and honored citizen of Burlington, has since 1846 maintained his residence here. While he has never sought to control the machinery of vast business enterprises that move forward the wheels of material progress, or endeavored to figure in political circles where they "cry and groan for public good, and mean their own," he has yet wielded an influence whose impress is seen in the lives of thousands of his fellow-beings,—in their moral awakening, in a broadening spirit of benevolence and humanitarianism, in a greater breadth of thought, and in outreaching sympathy.

His life history began in Brooklyn, N. Y., on Nov. 17, 1821. The ancestry of the family can be traced back to John Salter, a seafaring man, who sailed from Devonshire, England, his native land, and became a resident of the New World in the latter part of the seventeenth century, establish-

ing his home at the Isle of Shoals, and in Portsmouth, N. H. Successive generations of the family resided there, and that city was the birthplace of William Frost Salter, father of Dr. Salter. At the age of thirty, William F. Salter married Miss Mary Ewen, whose father, Alexander Ewen, a native of Scotland, came to the United States during the colonial period.

William Frost and Mary (Ewen) Salter lived a few years in Portsmouth, and afterwards in Brooklyn. It was in the schools of New York City that their son, Dr. Salter, acquired his preliminary education. Later he became a student in the University of the City of New York, from which he was graduated in the class of 1840. His careful thought concerning his future, and his duty led him to the determination to become a minister of the gospel, and for two years, 1841-42, he was a student in the Union Theological Seminary of New York City, subsequent to which time he spent a year in the Theological Institution at Andover, Mass., completing his course there in the class of 1843. For a brief period he had engaged in teaching school in Walden, N. Y., and in South Norwalk, Conn. Now the West, with its possibilities for development along moral as well as material and intellectual lines, attracted him. This great region of the country was fast becoming settled, and needed workers in the church as well as in other lines of activity.

To this rich field, therefore, William Salter turned his attention, and in October, 1843, arrived in Burlington, Iowa, after which he devoted two years to missionary work in Maquoketa and Jackson counties, Iowa. He preached his first sermon in this State at Keosauqua on Oct. 29, 1843, and on Nov. 5 of the same year was ordained

to the ministry. Accepting a call from the Congregational church in Burlington, he became its pastor on April 12, 1846, and was installed by ecclesiastical council Dec. 30, 1846.

With earnest purpose and untiring zeal Dr. Salter entered upon his pastoral work. He made a close study of the conditions that existed, and formed a definite plan of action for the church work. Its membership was small, and its house of worship was not completed until the December following his acceptance of the pastorate. The years passed, and the work and scope of the church was gradually extended under his direction. He had the faculty of securing the co-operation of the membership, of systematizing the labors, of organizing new church activities, and of gaining the support and confidence of his people and of the community at large. The church grew into one of the strongest Congregational organizations in Iowa, and its members were drawn from the most influential and cultured class in the city. His work along literary lines, as well as in the field of religious activity, gained for him the degree of Doctor of Divinity, which was conferred upon him by the Iowa State University, in 1864.

Dr. Salter has continually grown in breadth of vision; in his understanding of the great problems of life, of the relation of man to the divine constitution and course of nature; in his oratorical power, and in his strong and consecrated purpose. As pastor and preacher he won fame that extended far beyond the limits of Burlington, even of the State, and in fact won distinction as a prominent divine of the country. In more recent years he has had an associate pastor, but at the present day, when

eighty-four years of age, he still occasionally speaks to his people, and continues in literary work as well.

Nov. 17, 1901, in the Congregational church of Burlington, Iowa, on the occasion of the eightieth anniversary of his birth, he delivered an address which was number two thousand nineteen in the series of his written discourses. It was indeed a special occasion in the history of the church. The day fell on Sunday, and special services were arranged, Dr. Salter preaching the sermon in the morning upon the subject, "Unsearchable Riches of Christ." On that occasion he had survived all but four members of the Congregational church of Burlington as it was constituted when he was called to the pastorate, these four being: Mrs. David Leonard, of the West Burlington church; H. B. Ware, of Parsons, Kans.; Rev. Isaac Leonard and Mrs. Charlotte Leonard, of Iona, N. J. As far as was known, only one person present, Mark Foote, was still living in Burlington at that time who had heard the first sermon preached by Dr. Salter in this city. Dr. Salter is now the only one living who was a member of the church when he came to Burlington.

A man of deep research, of original investigation, of native intellectual strength and keen analytical power, he has given to the world the result of his study not only from the pulpit, but also from the lecture platform and in many published volumes. Among his publications are: "Letters of Ada R. Parker," published in 1863, and constituting a work of rare value to the many friends of that lady, whose beautiful Christian character is well illustrated in the correspondence. He also wrote the "Life of James W. Grimes," third governor

of Iowa, which has been widely accepted as an invaluable historical work, not only as a deserved tribute to one of the greatest American statesmen of the time, but also as throwing much light upon Iowa history at the time when the State as well as the nation was breaking away from the control of the "Slave Power." All of Dr. Salter's works possess great value to the students of the history of Iowa, and western history. He has been careful in his investigations concerning historical facts, and his writings may be accepted as correct concerning the subjects of which he treats.

His bibliography includes: "An Address in Commemoration of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Discovery of Iowa, by Marquette and Joliet," at the fifteenth annual meeting of the State Historical Society in 1873; "The Western Border of Iowa;" "The Eastern Border of Iowa;" "Dubuque in 1820;" "Henry Dodge, Governor of the Original Territory of Wisconsin;" "Sermon Preached in Reference to the Death of James G. Edwards, in 1851" (Edwards was the founder of the Burlington *Hawk-Eye*): "James Clarke, Third Governor of the Territory of Iowa;" "The Progress of Religion in Iowa for Twenty-five Years;" "The Death of the Soldier of the Republic, with References to the Death of Captain Cloutman;" "Sermon Preached at the Funeral of Rev. Benjamin A. Spaulding;" "Memorial Discourse upon the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Denmark Congregational Association;" "The Planting of Iowa;" "Address upon the Laying of the Corner-stone of Gaston Hall, Tabor College, in Mills County, Iowa;" "Fiftieth Anniversary of the Congregational Church of Burlington;" "Augustus C. Dodge, United States Senator;" "A Ser-

mon Commemorative of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Congregational Association of Iowa;" "Major General John M. Corse;" "The Fiftieth Anniversary of the Adoption of the Constitution of the State, at Burlington, Oct. 1-8, 1896;" and others. During the period of the Civil War he prepared and published a work entitled, "The Great Rebellion in the Light of Christianity," in which he spoke of the war for the Union as a cruel necessity for the life of the nation. He also compiled a church hymn-book, presenting a fine selection of Congregational hymns and tunes; "Words of the Lord Jesus, Arranged in Order of Subjects," and "Psalms for Worship and Instruction," and one hundred selections, leaving out psalms and parts of psalms, such as John Wesley said were "highly improper for a Christian congregation."

One of his sermons on "Labor and Property" attracted much attention, and was largely circulated in pamphlet form. Among his more recent writings is a volume entitled, "Iowa, the First Free State in the Louisiana Purchase," published by A. C. McClurg & Company, Chicago. It is a brief and well-written history of the State from its discovery by Pere Marquette in 1673, to its admission into the Union in 1846.

In June, 1895, Mauro & Wilson published Dr. Salter's "Schiller Memorial Lecture," with some "Gleanings from Schiller," in a booklet. The memorial lecture was read by Dr. Salter at Library Hall, Tuesday, May 9, 1905, and was a splendid tribute to the life, talent, ability, and work of the great poet, showing thorough familiarity with his style, his thought, and his purpose. Hon. Charles Aldrich says concerning this volume: "It has interested me

greatly. You outline Schiller's characteristics and some of his life work in a manner not only instructive but deeply entertaining as well." Dr. Salter is also the author of "Words of Life for 1905." Speaking of this, the *Davenport Democrat and Leader* says:—

"This little book excels anything of the kind that has been offered; not only in the length of the quotations, but in the range of its research, and the fine sympathy and discrimination with which they have been selected. Every day in the year has its gem, in prose or verse, and they run from Pythagoras to Phillips Brooks. The finest things by the best authors have been gathered with extreme care. It has been a labor of love with Dr. Salter to compile them, and he has bestowed upon the task all the capability that a keen natural discernment, a discriminating mind, and a broad and thorough erudition have given him. Not merely moral precepts, reverence, thankfulness, and worship to God, are in this collection, but patriotism, love of nature, a kindly sympathy with other men, zeal for education, for honest money, for probity in office, for industry and thrift, invention, and national progress, have their place as well. The beauties of peace, equality before the law, reciprocal relations in trade and otherwise; the making the most of life in the best way; good government, plain, common neighborliness, and everyday honor and honesty, are here set forth in epigrams that scintillate. One must read the book, and read it again, to appreciate the amount of reading it has taken to make the compiler know all those from whom he quotes, and where to find the gems which he here resets for our daily wear and use. The best that can be said of this book that

Dr. Salter has given us, is that it truly reflects himself."

Dr. Salter, in his writings, his labors, and his sermons, has shown himself a man of scholarly attainments. Moreover, he has always been the champion of education, and his efforts have been a tangible factor of the advancement in this direction in Iowa. He assisted in founding the Iowa College at Davenport in 1851, and became a member of its board of trustees, acting continuously thereon until 1864, about which time the college was removed to Grinnell, Iowa. In 1867 he was appointed a member of the board of visitors to the naval academy at Annapolis.

Dr. Salter was married Aug. 25, 1846, in Winthrop church at Charlestown, Mass., to Miss Mary Ann Mackintire, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. John Humphrey, and the following month they came to their new home in Burlington. Her parents were Deacon E. P. and Mary (Tufts) Mackintire, of Charlestown, Mass. Her father was born Aug. 31, 1797, and died Feb. 3, 1864; while his wife, who was born May 4, 1797, died Dec. 20, 1860. She was the sixth in order of birth in a family of eleven children, whose parents were Amos and Deborah (Frothingham) Tufts, and was a representative in the fifth generation of the descendants of Peter Tufts.

Mrs. Salter was born in Charlestown, Mass., Dec. 25, 1824. She attended Miss Kettell's school in Charlestown from her fourth to her twelfth year, after which she was a pupil in Harvard school at Charlestown for three years. In 1840 she attended the Temple School held in the Masonic Temple of Boston, of which Charles E. Abbott was the principal. In 1841 she entered the academy at Bradford, Mass., where she

pursued the full course of study and was graduated in the class of 1844. Mrs. Salter joined the Winthrop church of Charlestown in her sixteenth year, and her heart and hand were quick in response to every call of need, whether from near or far. She shrank from thinking evil and refused to speak it, and cultivated in her life all that is true, good, and beautiful. She loved music, flowers, and all the different phases of nature that are displayed in the outdoor world, and ever looked on the bright side of life. She was indeed a helpmate to her husband, not only in his home life but also in his pastoral relations; and no death, perhaps, save that of Dr. Salter, could create deeper sorrow or more profound regret than that of Mrs. Salter. She was uniformly beloved, not only in her own church but by people of all denominations, as well as by those who have no religious belief. She made for herself a firm place in the affections of all with whom she came in contact by her graces of character, her intellectual culture, her broad charity, and kindly, helpful spirit. She was active, cheerful, and courageous in all life's relations, and in various missionary and benevolent societies for the public good. She never failed in the full performance of the duty of a pastor's wife, both in the religious and social side of church work. Gifted by nature with superior intellectual powers, she kept pace with her husband in his scholarly attainments, in all of his theological studies, his writings, his historical research, and his literary work. In her home she was a devoted and loving wife and mother, and at all times exemplified the traits of a true mother in Israel.

June 12, 1893, she was driving with her husband and some friends through beautiful

Aspen Grove cemetery. They approached the place where some workmen were felling trees, and stopped that the doctor might converse for a few moments with the men, when all at once without warning a massive oak fell upon the surrey, pinning the occupants to the ground by the enormous weight of its great branches. Mrs. Salter was instantly killed, and the doctor was badly hurt, while the friends were less injured. The funeral services were held in the Congregational church June 15, 1893, Rev. Dr. Robins, of Muscatine, and Rev. Dr. E. Adams, of Waterloo, officiating; and on the 22d day of June a memorial service was held at the regular Thursday evening meeting of the church. The Ladies' Benevolent Society, of which she was the president, and the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, of which she was also the president, adopted suitable resolutions.

"She spreadeth out her hand to the poor,
Yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the
needy;
She openeth her mouth with wisdom;
And the law of kindness is on her tongue.
She looketh well to the ways of her household,
And eateth not the bread of idleness.
Her children rise up and call her blessed;
Her husband also, and he praiseth her, saying:
Many daughters have done virtuously,
But thou excellest them all."

Dr. and Mrs. Salter were the parents of four sons and one daughter. The eldest, Mary Tufts, born Feb. 4, 1849, was a student in Denmark Academy in 1863, and died Nov. 5, 1864, saying, the day before her death, "You know I shall be happy, mother." William Mackintire Salter, the eldest son, was educated in Knox College,

at Galesburg, Ill., from which he was graduated in 1871, and attended the divinity school of Yale College in 1872 and 1873, and of Harvard University in 1876. He now resides in Chicago, where he is the lecturer of the Ethical Society. He was married Dec. 2, 1885, to Miss Mary Sherwin Gibbens, and their daughter, Eliza Webb, born in Chicago, Jan. 20, 1888, died Dec. 2, 1889. Sumner Salter was educated at Amherst College, in Massachusetts, where he was graduated in 1877. He now resides at Williamstown, Mass., where he is organist in the Thompson Memorial Chapel of Williams College. He was married May 26, 1881, to Miss Mary E. Turner, and their children are: Winthrop, born June 10, 1883, in Syracuse, N. Y.; Harold, born April 10, 1886, in Atlanta, Ga.; Edith, born Feb 1., 1891, in New York City; and William Frost, born Sept. 18, 1898, in New York City.

Charles Frederick Salter, born Dec. 25, 1861, died March 23, 1863. George Benjamin Salter, twin brother of Frederick, born in Burlington, Dec. 25, 1861, was educated in the city schools here, and at Exeter Academy, in Exeter, N. H., after which he engaged in the clothing business in Boston. Later he became connected with Donahue & McCosh, hardware dealers at Burlington, with whom he remained for several years, until he began business on his own account as a dealer in hats and men's furnishing goods. Later he added a tailoring and clothing establishment, and is to-day at the head of the Salter Clothing Company, which was incorporated in 1905, and of which he is the president and treasurer. He was married Oct. 17, 1893, to Mrs. Mary (Tuttle) Stocker.

An analyzation of the life work and char-

acter of Dr. Salter is a difficult task for the historian, not because of its complexity, but because of the extent and scope of his labors. He has been actuated by a singleness of purpose that is based entirely upon a desire for the betterment of his fellow-men. Without the narrowness of mind engendered by sectarianism, he has stood strong in support of his views concerning the great questions affecting human happiness and the improvement of the world. The catholicity of his belief and opinions, his broad scholarship and comprehensive knowledge, have made him the colleague and friend of many prominent representatives of intellectual culture in the nation. He was an abolitionist at a time when it required personal courage to announce one's convictions on that subject. He has ever been a friend of the down-trodden and oppressed, and has extended a helping hand not only from the pulpit or by the dissemination of great moral truths, but by actual contact with the poor and needy when his assistance could be given in tangible work. His writings and public utterances have made him known and honored throughout the land, but in Burlington and Des Moines county, where he has resided for so many years, he has that warm personal regard and friendship which has arisen through his social life among the people, his personal interest in the welfare of the individual, and his helpfulness of direct or indirect character that is proving so strong an element in the upbuilding of the moral life of the city. Perhaps no more fitting ending to this life history can be given than the sonnet of Rev. Charles E. Perkins, of Keosauqua, to the Rev. William Salter, published in *Congregational Iowa*, in May, 1901:—

"Time lays his burdens gently on the head
 Of those high-minded ones who love the
 truth.
 And follow her high lead. With stately
 tread
 Their feet press forward. Gentleness and
 truth
 Their course inspire; sweetness and light,
 Honor and faith, attend their steps each
 day.
 So time, who loves the righteous soul, his
 flight
 Makes manifest as softly as he may.
 And though the hair be silvered, and the
 flesh
 Pale to a finer whiteness, in the eyes
 The clear light shines, while warm and
 fresh
 The heart with loving fervor ever flies,
 And year by year the mind grows yet more
 nobly wise.
 Thus, thanks to God, life writes an unstained
 page,
 And shines most glorious in the gracious
 youth of age."

E. D. RAND.

E. D. RAND, of Burlington, Iowa, now deceased, was a pioneer in the development of the lumber industry in the Mississippi valley, was active in the promotion of railroad construction, in financial circles, and in civic and political life, his labors entitling him to rank with the founders and builders of his State. A native of Watertown, Mass., he was born July 22, 1814, eldest son of Samuel and Mary (Carter) Rand. By the death of his father he was thrown upon his individual resources at a very early age,

and worked on a farm until he was fifteen years old, gaining his education in the public schools at such times as the exigencies of his employment would allow, sometimes working nights and mornings for his board and attending school during the day. Thus his childhood exemplified that worthy ambition and unconquerable determination which were to shape his later career. Going to Providence, R. I., he served an apprenticeship in the soap and candle manufacturing business, remaining there until 1835, when he proceeded to Hamilton, Ohio, and became superintendent of the packing house of J. A. N. Fisher. This position he occupied for two years, and then again following the star of empire westward, located at Quincy, Ill., where he engaged in stock-raising and pork-packing. The date of his coming to Iowa was 1839, when he settled on the Black Hawk purchase on the Des Moines River in the vicinity of Keosauqua. He entered a claim, and began farming operations, but sold his holdings before the first harvest.

Mr. Rand's next move was to Burlington, which thenceforth became his permanent home, and it was here that he spent the remainder of his life. Here he was employed in the Bridgeman & Partridge packing house, and also entered the draying business in a small way, buying a horse and dray and hiring a driver. He left this firm in 1843, and formed a partnership with the firm of Peasley & Brooks to conduct a provision, lumber, and pork-packing business. Misfortune attended the venture, however, for on the recommendation of Mr. Peasley the firm had invested heavily in grain, and as a consequence suffered serious loss. Mr. Rand therefore retired from the business at the end of three years; but prior to this

time he had purchased a tract of land, and upon this he now erected a building and began an independent pork-packing business, relying partially on borrowed capital for the inauguration of the enterprise. In this he was so successful that his profits amounted to \$7,000 for the first year, and he built a brick packing-house and enlarged the business. In 1842 he began in addition a lumber business on a limited scale, and this increased so rapidly that in 1852 he invested therein all his capital. He later bought out the interest of Mr. Hill in the saw-mill owned by the firm of Berry & Hill, and from this transaction grew the Burlington Lumber Company, the largest lumber company operating along the whole middle course of the Mississippi River. He became a partner of Carson & Eaton, afterward Carson & Rand, in the exploitation of Wisconsin timber lands, and was one of the organizers and heavy stockholders in the Valley Lumber Company, of Wisconsin. It was in 1877 that he organized the Burlington Lumber Company and was elected its first president; and two years later he organized the Rand Lumber Company, of which he also was the first president, and which he elevated to the position of one of the largest lumber firms in the State. The largest lumber company with which Mr. Rand was identified, however, was the Carson & Rand Lumber Company, of Keokuk, Iowa, organized in 1881, and of which he became president. He was also president of the Keithsburg Lumber Company, and was the moving spirit of many other enterprises that contributed to the prosperity and growth of the West, in which he had such implicit faith.

With the State Bank of Burlington Mr. Rand became associated in 1862, when it was yet a branch of the Iowa State Bank,

and on its organization into a national bank in 1865 he became a member of its first board of directors, a position in which he continued until his death, while he was elected president of the bank in 1869 for a period of two years and re-elected for a similar term in 1881. He was one of the incorporators of the Iowa State Savings Bank, and was its vice-president and a member of its directorate at the time of his death, and was a director of the First National Bank of Burlington. In the direction of these important institutions, he exhibited the same rare qualities of business insight and discrimination which distinguished his conduct of the great lumber companies of the State, and which won him his first successes, and to his transcendent abilities much of their present prosperity and unrivalled standing is due. He lent substantial encouragement to the building of the Narrow Gauge Railroad and the Burlington & Missouri Railroad, and his aid was given in many ways to the moral and material improvement of the city of Burlington. He erected one of the finest and best business blocks in the city, besides numerous residence buildings, including a beautiful home for himself and family, known as the "Pines." In 1852 he acquired a fifty-five-acre tract adjacent to his former purchase, which he plotted, and this is now an addition to Burlington, and the site of many manufacturing establishments, which furnish employment to a large amount of labor.

E. D. Rand was twice married, his first marriage being in April, 1837, to Miss Sarah Proud, of Centerville, Ohio, by whom he had six children, only one of whom is now living, Mary A., wife of John M. Sherry. Mrs. Rand died in Burlington in June, 1850. Mr. Rand chose for his second

wife, whom he wedded June 13, 1852, at Burlington, Mrs. Caroline A. Roberts, widow of J. W. Roberts, and daughter of S. Sherfey, one of the pioneers of Burlington and of Iowa, he having settled in this city in 1837, although Mrs. Rand was born at Hagerstown, Md. Of this union two children survive, Horace S. and Carrie. Throughout life Mr. Rand was interested in public affairs, and by his work in the field of practical politics manifested the possession of many qualities of statesmanship in the truest and best sense of that term. In his early manhood he was a Whig, and joined the Republican party on its organization, later becoming a Liberal Republican. He was a valued worker in his party's interest, exercising a potent influence in its behalf, and materially contributing to many of its successes. He enjoyed the public confidence to a high degree, and was elected a member of the Iowa State Legislature in 1856, serving with conspicuous ability, and was elected a member of the city council of Burlington in the years 1856, 1860, 1862, and 1863. His influence in public life was always on the side of justice and right, and many highly praiseworthy measures, promulgated by the public bodies of which he was a member, owed to him either their origin or effective sponsorship. His was a religious nature, and he united with the Congregational society, of Burlington, in 1844, and ever after gave to the church his fullest support, contributing generously to its material necessities in all branches of its work, and at the same time exemplifying the truths for which it stands in his own life and daily conduct. His death occurred April 10, 1887, after a residence of nearly four decades in Burlington. His business ability was of vast scope, and although he

suffered many reverses, he regarded each transition stage as the beginning of new opportunity, and left behind him a very large fortune. Under the stimulus of necessity in early manhood his powers developed, and his keen mentality always enabled him to recognize the possibilities of a business situation. He found in the young but growing city of eastern Iowa the opportunities he sought, and, prompted by a laudable ambition which had for its objective point the acquirement of large success through honorable methods, he gradually worked his way upward from a humble position until he ranked with the leading financiers and industrialists of the State, thus proving by his life's record that prosperity and an honored name may be won simultaneously.

DR. CHARLES A. WHITE.

It is with pleasure that we present the life record of Dr. Charles Abiathar White, as he is a self-educated and self-made man in the full meaning of the term. He began life in a plain and humble way, and having a great desire to obtain a higher education, worked during the daytime and studied by lamplight till he had secured sufficient means to enable him to carry out his cherished ideas.

The ancestry of Dr. White can be traced back to William White, of Boston, an Englishman, who settled there about the year 1640, and from whom Dr. White is of the seventh generation. All the members of that ancestral line were yeomen, closely answering to the freehold yeomen of England.

Some of Dr. White's ancestors were act-

ive participants in the war of the American Revolution. His grandfather, Captain Cornelius White, was a captain in the Colonial militia, and fought for his king; but when the Revolution began, he was an ardent patriot, and was a member of the "committee of inspection, correspondence, and safety" for Taunton, Mass., his native town. His son, Cornelius White, grandfather of Dr. White, enlisted and served as a minute man immediately after the battle of Lexington, although he was only twenty years of age. He afterward became captain of militia, as his father had been. The father of the wife of Dr. White's paternal grandfather, Abiathar Leonard, was also a captain of minute men.

Dr. Charles Abiathar White was born on a farm in North Dighton, Bristol county, Mass., Jan. 26, 1826, on his father's inherited portion of his grandfather's landed estate.

Abiathar White, father of Dr. C. A. White, married Miss Nancy Corey, daughter of Daniel Corey, of Dighton, Mass., on April 20, 1823. Six children were born to them in the following order: John W., now aged eighty-one, resides in Portland, Ore.; Charles A., of this review; Mary, married John Prugh, of Burlington, and died there July 28, 1850; Sarah, became the wife of Albert Walling, and went with him to Portland, and died there in 1884; Caroline, died in early infancy in Dighton; Albert, died in childhood in Burlington, Iowa, to which place Abiathar White's family moved from their New England home in 1838, and where Dr. White grew to citizenship. The parents of Dr. White both died in Burlington, and are buried in Aspen Grove cemetery.

In 1847 Dr. White visited his old New England home, where he was married, in 1848, to Miss Charlotte R. Pilkington, daughter of James and Nancy Pilkington, who were both of English birth. Mrs. White was born at Taunton, Mass., March 1, 1829. Soon after our subject was married, he brought his young wife to Burlington, where they resided till 1864, when they moved to Iowa City. Eight children were born to Dr. and Mrs. White, all in Iowa, six of whom are now living: James Albert, a physician, of Portland, Ore.; Charles Everett, a lawyer in Madison, Wis.; Gertrude, wife of Herbert J. Browne, of Washington, D. C.; Herbert Corey, farmer, of Beatrice, Nebr.; Lillie, died in infancy at Iowa City; Marian, principal of the department of Domestic Sciences in the High school of Washington, D. C.; Edward Winslow, died in Maine in childhood; Leonard Alwyn, dentist, in Washington, D. C.

It has ever been a great comfort to Dr. White that he could give his children a liberal and finished education. When Dr. White took up his residence in Iowa City, his public scientific career began, as he was professor of natural history in the Iowa State University and State geologist of Iowa. He received the degree of M. D. from Rush Medical College, in Chicago, in 1863, and the degree of A. M. from Iowa College at Grinnell in 1866. He was State geologist of Iowa, by legislative appointment, from 1866 to 1869, inclusive; professor of natural history in the Iowa State University from 1867 to 1873, when in the latter year he moved his family to Brunswick, Me., and occupied a similar position in Bowdoin College till 1875. He was

appointed paleontologist to the geographical and geological surveys west of the one-hundredth meridian, in charge of Lieutenant George M. Wheeler, in 1874. He spent thirteen seasons in western geological field work, extending from Canada to Mexico, and west to the Pacific Coast.

The great ability of Dr. White as a geologist was recognized among the foremost geologists in the United States, and upon his removal to Washington, D. C., in 1876, he at once became connected with the government surveys and the Smithsonian Institution. The travels of this noted scientist were not confined to the States alone, as he made several trips abroad, the first one being made in 1886, when he traveled over Europe from Scotland to Italy, and as far east as Vienna. In all these countries he was received with the greatest cordiality by the geologists and naturalists, and has since continued a large correspondence with these gentlemen.

In 1892 Dr. White became the associate in paleontology of the Smithsonian Institution, which position he now occupies, and where he enjoys the most cordial friendship of all its official force. Besides holding the above-named positions of trust and honor, Dr. White has written largely on scientific and popular subjects. During the fifty-eight years of his literary life he has written some two hundred and thirty-one books and articles. Three articles have appeared from his pen within less than a year, and he is at present preparing another one. Owing to the great number of Dr. White's writings it will be impossible to enumerate them, but among the most important are: *Geology of Iowa* and the various official reports and bulletins of the United States Geological

Survey, and the Smithsonian Institution. John Belknap Marcou and Timothy W. Stanton have each issued a catalogue of Dr. White's writings, which are of special interest. "The Mutations of *Lycopersicum*" and "A Visit to the Quarry-Cave of Jerusalem" are among his later articles, and are very interesting and much appreciated.

Mrs. White was an earnest Bible student, and in 1890, in order that she might have a sight of the Bible lands, and of those places which are of special interest and helpful in church work, Dr. and Mrs. White visited England, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Egypt, and Palestine. This proved to be one of the most enjoyable experiences of their useful lives. This worthy and devoted couple were life companions for nearly fifty-four years, and had the rare pleasure of celebrating their golden wedding, in 1898. Four years after this happy occasion death entered this home, and carried from it the devoted wife and beloved mother on July 16, 1902. Rarely do we find a woman of more retirement and greater domesticity than Mrs. White possessed. Those who knew her best, loved her most. She was a woman of unusually clear and practical intelligence, a devoted Christian of unwavering faith from girlhood, active in church and charitable work. She was long a member of the relief committee of the associated charities of South Washington, showing rare judgment and great efficiency in the cause, and relinquishing it only because of failing health. But her chief characteristic was shown in the quiet and judicious performance of domestic duties and her faithful devotion to her family and friends. Mrs. White is buried in Washington, D. C.

Dr. White is a Royal Arch Mason, and a recognized member of the Phi Kappa Psi college fraternity, although he has not attended a chapter for more than thirty years. In addition to the degrees mentioned, Dr. White received that of LL.D. from the Iowa State University. He has long been a member of the National Academy of Sciences (M. N. A. S.), which is the highest scientific honor our country has to give to any one. He is also foreign member of the Geological Society of London, the highest honor Great Britain has to give to any geologist, an honor conferred upon only forty living persons for the whole world. He is also corresponding member of many other scientific societies of both Europe and America.

The intelligent and highly gifted family of Dr. Charles A. White are remembered in great kindness by the old residents of Burlington and Iowa City. Dr. White still resides in Washington.

ISHAM GILBERT.

ISHAM GILBERT was born in Hardin county, Kentucky, July 2, 1823, and emigrated with his father's family to Prairie du Chien, Wis. (then Michigan Territory), in 1830. His grandfather Gilbert was a Virginian, and afterward a tobacco planter and trader in Hardin county, Kentucky, and a large slaveholder, though a just and honorable one. Becoming convinced of the error of holding slaves, he liberated them all, even old "Mammy Ailsey," who was his devoted attendant during his last illness, and his most faithful friend. His son, Samuel Gilbert, the

father of "Isham" Gilbert, as he was always called, was born in Booneville, Ky., in 1798, and in 1819 married Philotheta Parker, in Louisville. Her father, Samuel Parker, was a pioneer citizen of Louisville, and the family had traveled thence, in 1812, all the way from New York State in an emigrant wagon, Philotheta being fourteen years old at that time. She was born in 1798, near Canandaigua, Ontario county, N. Y. Her father was a lineal descendant of the Parker Earls of Macclesfield, and her mother was a Howe, of the family of Admiral Lord Howe, of Revolutionary fame.

When the Gilbert family arrived in Prairie du Chien, there was only a smattering of white families, American and Canadian French, in evidence; but there were many Indians, and the family mingled in friendly intercourse with the Chipewas, Menominees, Winnebagoes, Sacs, and Foxes, and acquired a fluent command of their languages. Samuel Gilbert became one of the pioneer lumbermen of the Northwest, and at the age of twenty-two his son Isham rafted a large quantity of lumber down the "father of waters" to the Mormon settlement at Nauvoo, where he disposed of his lumber for the building of the Mormon temple then in process of construction.

Returning to his home at Prairie du Chien, his quest for adventure led him to undertake a questionable enterprise, as regarded his personal safety. In the employ of the Hudson Bay Fur Company, Isham Gilbert set out, in the company of four half-breeds, for the British Possessions, and the Red River of the north, taking with him a stock of goods in canoes, which he proposed to exchange for

furs. He passed the entire winter with the Indians, going as far north as the Selkirk Settlement, in the British Possessions, and in these months did not meet a single white man. I quote the following: "His fine appearance, friendly manners, good judgment, and discretion, made him many friends among the influential men of these great tribes, and his presence was welcomed, and his going regretted."

In 1847 he married a New England woman, Susan Augusta Sampson, and with her established a home at the foot of Lake Pipin, opposite the town of Ruds Landing, Buffalo county, Wis., at which point he had a trading post. Sept. 17, 1849, a son, John Webster, was born to them, who still survives. In the spring of 1851, Isham Gilbert and family removed to Allamakee county, Iowa, where he laid out the town of Lansing, Iowa. He took up his abode in Lansing, and here, Aug. 7, 1851, a daughter, Ella, was born. She did not live to maturity, but died at the age of twelve, and is buried in Burlington, Iowa, where she died. At Lansing, Isham Gilbert built up an extensive mercantile business, and was associated with Joseph Reynolds, better known as "Diamond Joe Reynolds," in numerous and extensive transactions and speculations.

At the outbreak of the Civil War the subject of this sketch organized a company, which was mustered into the service at Dubuque, in 1862, as the Twenty-seventh Iowa Infantry, and James Isham Gilbert was appointed colonel. A portion of the regiment under Colonel Gilbert was detailed to take the government annuities to the Chippewa Indians, his knowledge of the language and acquaintance

with the tribe giving him peculiar fitness for this duty. The regiment reunited at Jacksonville, and was attached to Smith's Division of the Army of the Tennessee, and had part in General Banks's expedition to the Red River. At the battle of Nashville, in December, 1864, Colonel Gilbert was in command of four regiments and a battery of light artillery, and led the charge on the left flank of Hood's army, starting the retreat and rout of that general's army. For gallantry at these battles the colonel was promoted to be brigadier-general. His brigade attested their admiration for their commander by presenting him with a costly sword, upon which are inscribed the names of the battles in which he participated. Upon this fine gold-mounted sword is inscribed the following: "Presented by officers of the Second Brigade, Second Division, Sixteenth Army Corps, composed of the Sixteenth Minnesota, Tenth Kansas, Twenty-seventh Iowa, Thirty-second Iowa, and One hundred and seventeenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, to Brigadier-General Isham Gilbert, as a testimonial of respect to a gentleman, an officer, and a friend." On the opposite side of the scabbard from this inscription, is engraved a list of battles in which General Gilbert participated, as follows:—

Little Rock, September 10, 1863.
 Fort De Russey, March 14, 1864.
 Pleasant Hill, April 9, 1864.
 Chow Anville, April 23, 1864.
 Marksville Plains, May 16, 1864.
 Lake Chicot, July 6, 1864.
 Tupelo, Miss., July 14, 1864.
 Oldtown Creek, July 15, 1864.
 Nashville, December 15 and 16, 1864.
 Fort Blakely, Ala., April 9, 1865.

His commissions are dated as colonel, Aug. 10, 1862; as brigadier-general, Feb. 9, 1865; as major-general, March 26, 1865. At the close of the war, General Gilbert took up his abode in Burlington, Iowa, where his mother, two brothers, and only sister abode, and then entered into partnership with his brother, John Webster, and W. Dallam Gilbert in the lumber business, in which they had been engaged since 1851 under the name of Gilbert Bros., now Gilbert, Hedge & Co.

General Gilbert was a lover of the beautiful, as the grounds about the stately homes occupied by him at different periods in Burlington attest. His home on Prospect Point, commanding an extensive view of the Mississippi River, was one of the handsomest in Burlington. His stables were always filled with fine horses, for which he had the keenest appreciation, and the lion of the stables was the beautiful bay war-horse "Dandy," who had been his companion throughout the war.

In 1877, he embarked in extensive mining transactions with his old-time friend and partner, "Diamond Joe" Reynolds, of St. Louis, of steamboat fame, and removed to Georgetown. For the next seven years succeeding he continued to live in Colorado, at various points, but a year and a half previous to his death had taken up his abiding place in Topeka, Kans., where he quietly dropped asleep, never to wake, Saturday night, Feb. 11, 1884, the cause of his death being paralysis of the heart. A Topeka paper commented as follows: "One of the most distinguished and gallant soldiers of the Civil War has just died in this city." His funeral took place in Burlington, where,

in the Gilbert lot in Aspen Grove cemetery, he lies amidst his parents, child, brothers, and others of his kin.

The Iowa papers commented freely upon his life and death and the nobility of his character. I quote as follows: "General Gilbert was for many years a citizen of Burlington, and his death will cause widespread regret among the many who admired this high-principled, dignified, genial gentleman. As a citizen he was progressive, liberal, and representative, and in business affairs and private life, was the soul of honor and of excellence."

The following is a tribute from a fellow-soldier: "The soldiers who were in the Twenty-seventh Iowa Infantry, as well as those who were in other regiments, and who may have been from time to time brigaded with the Twenty-seventh, are saddened at the death of General James I. Gilbert, who was the gallant colonel of the twenty-seventh. Of the many soldiers of Iowa and the Northwest who knew Colonel Gilbert, none knew him but to love and admire him. He was of most commanding physique, and always commanded with bravery and dignity. It is entirely safe to say that no man ever commanded a regiment of men whose confidence and love for their commander were more complete than was that of his regiment for him. In the many battles through which he passed during the war, he showed the most consummate bravery and daring; but after the battle was over, was the time when his great, manly heart was exercised for the suffering ones around him; and how quick he was to aid and assist them in distress! This same great nature was always his.

Many, many times have I seen him, when on a long march, ride along the line until he saw some lame and tired soldier, when he would dismount, and having placed the weary one upon his steed, would himself walk, perhaps for miles, till he had reached camp. Then always before retiring, he made a visit to each tent in the regiment. The colonel, for his good soldierly ability and bravery, was made a brigadier-general long before the close of the war. While tributes have been written and published in some of the magazines of the day, commenting upon the good qualities of the great men of the war, yet none of them all was braver or kinder than James Isham Gilbert."

From the Burlington *Hawk-Eye*: "General James I. Gilbert, than whom no more genial gentleman or braver soldier ever lived in Iowa, a former resident of Burlington for many years, died at Topeka, Kans., Saturday evening, of paralysis of the heart, the unexpected and sad intelligence of his dissolution being conveyed to his aged mother and brothers residing in this city, yesterday morning. The news was generally circulated upon the streets, general regret being expressed at the taking away of a man who was the embodiment of honor, integrity, and bravery. He was one of the public-spirited, leading, and representative men of Burlington, being connected with the lumber firm of Gilbert, Hedge & Co. At the outbreak of the rebellion, he organized the Twenty-seventh Iowa Infantry, which was mustered in at Dubuque in 1862, and of which Mr. Gilbert was made colonel. His regiment participated in the expedition to the Red River, under the command of General Banks, and was engaged in the mili-

tary operations in Tennessee. At the battle of Nashville he served with distinction, and for the bravery he displayed was promoted to the rank of brigadier-general. He commanded four regiments and a battery of light artillery. Three brigades of the army had been repulsed in their efforts to silence a battery, the capture of which was essential to the success of the Union forces. 'Can you take that battery?' asked General Thomas. 'I can, and I will,' was General Gilbert's prompt and firm reply. He effectually silenced the battery; and later in the day General Thomas addressed him, 'I hope your future will be as bright as the star that will soon adorn your shoulder.' He was made a brigadier-general. At Mobile, General Gilbert, by his bravery, won the praise of General Canby. He captured Fort De Russey, and at the close of the war was sent to Texas to take charge of military affairs, and a short time after was mustered out of the service, at his urgent solicitation."

From a Des Moines paper: "In the heat of debate, the senators paused long enough to hear read and pass a joint resolution, paying the tribute of the great State of Iowa to the memory of her great soldier and citizen, who has lately passed away, General James Isham Gilbert, of the Twenty-seventh Iowa. Several of his old soldiers are in the Legislature, and in the light of fading day the senators sat with bowed heads and busy brains as the joint resolution was read, and back rolled the years of time, and once more the roar of the cannon and the whistle of the minnie was heard, and the old flag seen advancing, carried by the Twenty-seventh Iowa, on the bloody field of Pleasant Hill.

and each one responded to the low call of his name by the secretary, in a still lower voice, and the joint resolution was adopted unanimously, showing that an Iowa Legislature still delighted to honor the name of her heroic dead."

From the Burlington *Hawk-Eye*:—

"GENERAL GILBERT'S MILITARY
RECORD.

"The Twenty-seventh Iowa Volunteers, of which General Gilbert was colonel, was recruited in the northern part of Iowa, for the most part from counties in the third congressional district. On the third of October, 1862, they were mustered into the service, the rolls at this time being nine hundred and fifty-two (952) enlisted men and forty (40) officers. Within a week after entering the service, the regiment was ordered to Minnesota to aid General Pope. Shortly afterward General Gilbert was ordered to Mille Lac, a village on the lake of that name, one hundred and twenty-five miles north of St. Paul, there to superintend the payment of annuity to certain Indians. Taking six companies of his regiment, Colonel Gilbert marched rapidly thitherward, performed the duties assigned him, and returned to St. Paul on the 4th of November. While Colonel Gilbert was absent on the march to Mille Lac, Major Howard, commanding the four companies which had been left at Fort Snelling, received orders to report with his detachment at Cairo, Ill. Upon returning to St. Paul, Colonel Gilbert received similar orders, and immediately proceeded to Cairo. The united command received orders to march with the forces under General Sherman. The men com-

plained loudly of the quality of their arms, which were old Prussian muskets, poor at best, but Colonel Gilbert had the nerve and tact to satisfactorily silence all complaints."

While General Grant was inaugurating the campaign against Vicksburg, the Twenty-seventh Iowa was posted in detachments at various places on the railroad, not far from Jackson, Colonel Gilbert being in command of that post. He here won the highest compliments of General Oglesby for his energetic administration, which was especially commendable on account of the unrelenting system whereby rich inhabitants were compelled to contribute to the support of the indigent Union people who had been driven from home, and sought protection within the lines. In the capture of Little Rock, the regiment did not take an active part, the fighting of the occasion being done principally by cavalry and artillery. The regiment remained opposite the city about two months, on guard and picket duty, Colonel Gilbert the most of the time being in command of the brigade. On the 15th of November, he moved his command by rail to Durrall's Bluff, and going thence by steamer down the White and up the Mississippi River, reported to General Hurlburt at Memphis, near which city they went into quarters, and there remained till near the close of January, 1864. On the 26th of January of that year the regiment moved down the river to Vicksburg, and engaged in the battle of Pleasant Hill, in which Colonel Gilbert was wounded in the hand during the afternoon, but remained in the field throughout the engagement. Above and below Greenville, Marmaduke was doing

much damage. General Smith left Vicksburg to dislodge the troublesome intruder, who was routed, and the blockade of the river raised. In this spirited affair, in which the losses were about one hundred and twenty-five (125) on each side, Colonel Gilbert commanded the brigade. Throughout the campaign of Tupelo, he commanded a brigade, and the regiment bore its full share of the labors, skirmishes, and battles. In the battle of Nashville, the Twenty-seventh, Lieutenant-Colonel Lake commanding, Colonel Gilbert being in command of the brigade, took a prominent part, entering the rebel works, or engaging any troops on their part of the line, capturing guns and prisoners, and doing its whole duty, with a bravery unsurpassed. The regiment was the pivot of General Smith's army, which, making a grand left wheel, swung around the enemy's left, fighting splendidly all the way, capturing every fortification in the front, several lines of good works, and large numbers of prisoners, the colonel commanding, and his troops won great *éclat* for their conduct on the field. It was not long afterward that Colonel Gilbert was promoted, without a particle of political influence, to the rank of brigadier-general. His brigade in this conflict met with casualties numbering only ninety-one, a most honorable and gratifying fact, which may be accounted for by the wild firing of the rebels.

"The Twenty-seventh next participated in the campaign against Mobile. On April 2, it was sent out with the brigade, General Gilbert commanding, on a reconnaissance, with the object, also, of opening communication with General Steele, about to invest the works of Blakely. It

was on this march that General Gilbert narrowly escaped death from a torpedo buried in the road, which was exploded by his horse trampling on it. General Gilbert was entirely uninjured, although the sand was driven with such force against the horse as to start the blood all along his sides. General Gilbert moved with General Ganard's army division to the left of General Steele, now besieging Blakely, the regiment doing excellent service. On April 9, an impetuous charge was made on the rebel works, and the garrison fell. In this fine success, General Gilbert's brigade captured eight pieces of artillery, six hundred prisoners, with a loss to itself of less than thirty men, killed and wounded. He gave high praise to all the officers and men of his command. General Gilbert, for his gallant, skilful conduct in this brilliant operation, was again recommended for promotion, which no doubt he would have at once received but for the cessation of hostilities. He was brevetted a major-general soon afterward. At Montgomery the command awaited orders for mustering out. On the 23d of June, General Gilbert issued an eloquent farewell address to his troops, and departed for the North, bearing with him the benedictions of all his old comrades in arms. Such is the military record of General Gilbert, briefly told. He was a bold, fearless, intrepid commander, and brave as the bravest."

Personal: In regard to General Gilbert's education, he attended for a time the school in Prairie du Chien, but later the grandfather Gilbert sent East for a tutor for his children, and he resided in his family. The children acquired a fluent command of the French language as

taught them by the Canadian French, and were conversant with the languages of the several tribes of Indians by whom they were surrounded. Grandmother Gilbert employed an Indian nurse, and the children, with this nurse, would frequently pass an entire day with the Chipewa tribe unmolested. Their free, healthful, out-of-door life developed in the boys the fine physique for which they were noticeable, making of them the strong and rugged types of manhood that rendered them veritable "sons of Anak." General Gilbert was nearly six feet in height, broad-shouldered, and of good weight in proportion to his height. My father was never tired of rehearsing his deeds of bravery and his nobility of character. He was the ideal son, brother, husband, and father, and of such magnetic sweetness of nature as to draw all men unto him. We children grew up reverencing our soldier uncle, and continue to revere his memory, and feel that "To live in hearts we leave behind, is not to die."

ROBERT BURNS.

No history of Des Moines county would be complete without mention of Robert Burns, who has passed the ninety-thirtieth mile-stone in life's journey, and is therefore one of the most venerable citizens of this part of the State. He is so well preserved, however, both mentally and physically, that he would hardly be accredited with that number of years by those unfamiliar with his history. In spirit and interests he seems yet in his

prime, and keeps well informed concerning the events of the day. He was born March 21, 1815, in Adams county, Ohio, his parents being Andrew and Hannah (Adams) Burns. He comes of the same family to which belonged the illustrious bard of Scotland, Robert Burns. His father was a farmer, and was reared in Pennsylvania, whence he removed to Virginia, and afterward to Adams county, Ohio. The education of Robert Burns was obtained in the old-time subscription schools, and it was not until he was eighteen years of age that he had the opportunity of attending a free school. He began his education in a dilapidated old log building with greased paper windows, and in one end of the room was an immense fireplace. There were slab seats, and the desk was formed by laying a slab upon wooden pegs driven into the wall.

Robert Burns left Ohio, after educating himself in both vocal and violin music, and in 1856 went to Morning Sun, Iowa, where he lived and taught music for ten years. He then removed two miles north of the town, where he spent three years, and in 1872 came to his present home in Yellow Springs township, purchasing forty acres of land. He afterward sold twenty acres of this, and now retains the remainder. He was married Jan. 31, 1837, to Miss Jane Milligan, who was born in Adams county, Ohio, April 22, 1819, and was also educated there in the early schools. Her parents were James and Mary (Pilson) Milligan. Mr. and Mrs. Burns had one child, Mary Caroline, who was born Feb. 12, 1839, and died of cholera Aug. 7, 1849.

Out of the kindness of their hearts,

however, they have given homes to other children. They adopted Evaline Trimble, who was born in western Iowa, Aug. 7, 1873, and was a daughter of Humphrey and Phelia (Vaughan) Trimble, who came by wagon to eastern Iowa. The father died when thirty-five years of age, leaving the family, consisting of the mother and six children (the eldest being only nine years of age), in very limited financial circumstances, and Mr. and Mrs. Burns then adopted the daughter, Evalina. After the loss of her first husband Mrs. Trimble married George Mason, and they have one child, Etta Pearl, who now lives at Woodburn, in Clark county, Iowa. The other members of the Trimble family were: Mary Minerva, who died at the age of thirty-three years; John Vaughan, living in Sioux Rapids, Iowa; Cora Luella, wife of Millard Sprinkle, living three miles east of Newport, Iowa; William Andrew, residing at Genesee, Idaho; and Anna Deborah, who died at the age of eight years. The other child whom Mr. and Mrs. Burns adopted was Adelaide Grubb, a daughter of John and Adeline Grubb. She married Joseph Lentz, and lives two miles north of Morning Sun.

Mr. and Mrs. Burns have now traveled life's journey together for sixty-eight years, and for several years past their friends have gathered on each anniversary of their wedding to celebrate the occasion. Jan. 31, 1905, the celebration was held in the spacious home of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Reed, and one hundred and thirty-five guests were present. A substantial meal was served, and afterward an interesting program was rendered, a number of speeches being made by those

present, while some excellent musical numbers were rendered. There were also many letters of congratulation and greeting from absent friends, and the occasion was one long to be remembered by every one present. Mr. and Mrs. Burns are always in attendance at the old settlers' meetings, and it was arranged that at the last meeting this venerable couple of nearly ninety years were to sing. They did so; and others who were to take part then declined to fill their places on the program because Mr. and Mrs. Burns had done so well.

He followed the profession of teaching music for over twenty years after coming to Des Moines county, and from the age of eighteen years until about two years ago he was leader of the church choir, and is still one of the bass singers. Mr. Burns yet operates all of his own farm, and nearly every year also rents an additional tract. Both he and his wife have long been devoted members of the Reformed Presbyterian church. In 1903 he suffered an accident whereby all of his ribs on the right side were broken, together with his collar bone. He was driving a team of horses from Mediapolis, which, becoming frightened at a burro, threw him from the buggy; but in due course of time he recovered his health. Mrs. Burns also enjoys good health, and her eyesight and hearing are very slightly impaired. Since joining the Reformed Presbyterian church she has missed only three communion days, and Mr. Burns has missed but one since eighteen years of age. They are a remarkable couple, and their lives of Christian rectitude furnish an example well worthy of emulation.

JOHN WILSON WILLIAMS.

JOHN WILSON WILLIAMS, who was prominently connected with many of the early surveys of the State, and has left the impress of his individuality and ability upon the legislation of Iowa by reason of his service in the State Senate and his influence in political circles, was born in Charlotte, Vt., March 25, 1816, his parents being John Wilson and Minerva (Barnes) Williams. His education was acquired in the early schools of his native town and in the high school at Heinsburg. He was reared by Mrs. Anna Barnes, his grandmother and also his guardian, and when he was twenty years of age she gave him a portion of his patrimony, having complete confidence in his business ability and trustworthiness. He then started out in life on his own account, making his way westward to Hancock county, Ill., where he made investments. He determined to become a surveyor, and received his theoretical knowledge of the profession from a Mr. Johnson in Vermont, while his practical training came from Mr. Sheldon, a noted civil engineer of Jacksonville, Ill., under whose direction he followed the business until he became a practical and skilled civil engineer.

Mr. Williams maintained his residence in Illinois until 1849, when he came to Des Moines county, Iowa, where he had previously purchased three hundred acres of land lying in various tracts. He settled on a tract of one hundred acres in Section 13, Huron township, and thereon continued to make his home until his death, which period covered almost forty-five years. He developed this property from its primitive condition, turning the first furrows in the fields, and continuing the work of improve-

ment until modern buildings and rich harvests gave evidence of his care, supervision, and practical methods. Indeed, his farm became one of the best in the county; but it did not represent alone his landed possessions, for, as he was able to save from his profits a sum sufficient for further purchase, he added to his land, and at one time was the owner of twenty-seven hundred acres, while at the time of his death he retained possession of about sixteen hundred acres. He also became greatly interested in stock-raising, and fed many hundred cattle. He likewise pastured many others, his landed interests giving excellent opportunity in this direction. He also followed surveying, after his arrival in this county, and as an expert representative of the profession he surveyed the boundary line between Missouri and Iowa, and also surveyed many of the islands in the Mississippi River for the government. He did only expert work in this line, having gained a reputation as one of the most skilled followers of the calling.

In his political affiliations Mr. Williams was a Whig in early life, casting his first presidential ballot for the candidate of that party in 1837. Upon the organization of the Republican party he joined its ranks, and was one of its staunch advocates throughout his remaining days. A man of marked influence and capability, his fitness for leadership was readily recognized, and he was elected to the State Senate, where he rendered conspicuous and distinguished service to the commonwealth. He was also a representative in the lower house of the State Legislature, and was connected with many important constructive measures, while to each question which came up for settlement he gave earnest and thoughtful consideration.

Mr. Williams was married in Burlington, Dec. 1, 1847, to Miss Julia Ann Robison, a daughter of Charles and Jerusha (Kellogg) Robison. Mrs. Williams was born in Ohio, on Mill Creek, where her people were prominent pioneer residents, her natal day being Feb. 14, 1822. The six children born of this marriage were as follows: Herrick, born Oct. 7, 1848, in Hancock county, Ill., married Emma J. Pugh, a daughter of James L. and Mary E. (Barnett) Pugh. They have three children living and three deceased: Frank H., who resides on the island; Maggie, who died in 1896 at the age of fifteen years; James Wilson, who is married, and resides upon part of the old homestead farm; Ida M., wife of Ed. McFadden, living in Oakville; Charles, who died in 1887, at the age of nineteen months; and Elmer, who died about 1891, when nine months old. Lela Minerva, the second child of Mr. and Mrs. Williams, died when about twenty months old. Wilson Barnard, living in Oakville, owns a part of the old homestead property in Huron township, but much of the farm was sold to German settlers who located here in 1902. Minnie Minerva, the next member of the family, died in 1886 at the age of twenty-five years. Julia Eliza is the wife of David Waddle, a resident of West Plains, Mo. One child died in infancy unnamed.

Mrs. Williams came to Des Moines county at a very early epoch in its development, and was one of the first school-teachers within its borders. She did not regard her own education as completed at that time, and afterward continued her studies in Warsaw, Carthage, and Galesburg, Ill. She remembers the boats that plied the rivers in 1829, and relates many interesting reminiscences of pioneer times. In fact, she has written

many articles concerning the early days, and is one of the most intelligent and cultured pioneer women of the county. To her husband she was ever a faithful companion and helpmeet on life's journey.

Mr. Williams was a Congregationalist in religious faith, and took an active and helpful part in every movement tending to promote the social and material welfare of the community, and to uphold its legal, political, and moral status. He bought land at the first land sale held in this locality, and served as deputy county surveyor of Des Moines county while still at work in Illinois. From that early day until his death he was closely associated with the improvement and progress of this section of the State, and was numbered among its most distinguished pioneer residents, his efforts contributing to the best interests of the commonwealth, as well as to his home community. He was thorough in all that he undertook, possessed keen discernment, recognized possibilities and utilized advantages not only for his personal profit and advancement but also for the welfare of the whole community. True nobility of character won him high esteem, strong purpose caused his efforts to be crowned by successful accomplishment, and thorough reliability made his name a respected one wherever it was known.

HERMAN MEYERS.

HERMAN MEYERS, owner of extensive landed interests in Des Moines county, his realty holdings aggregating six hundred and twenty acres, was born in Prussia, Germany, Aug. 13, 1830. When three years of age he was brought to America

by his parents, Henry and Mary (Smith) Meyers, who embarked on an old-time sailing vessel, which, after ten weeks and four days spent upon the water, dropped anchor in the harbor of New Orleans. They then continued their journey up the Mississippi River to St. Louis, and on to Burlington.

When he had reached Des Moines county, the father purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land in Benton township. In his farm work he was intensely practical, and his resolute purpose and laudable ambition proved effective in winning success. As the years went by he added other land, and made his home upon the farm until his death, which occurred in 1885, when he had reached the very advanced age of eighty-eight years. His wife had long since passed away, having died in 1853, when fifty-three years of age. In their family were six children, of whom Charles, of Hancock county, Illinois, Mary, the wife of Theo. Ickof, of Burlington, and Herman, are still living, while Fred, William, and Charles, have passed away.

Herman Meyers, reared in this county, has been familiar with its development and progress for more than six decades. He shared with the family in the hardships and trials that form a part of the experience of every pioneer settler, and as his age and strength permitted he more and more largely aided in the work of the home farm. Eventually he became the owner of land, and carried on farming on his own account.

It was in 1863 that he purchased one hundred and twenty acres in Yellow Springs, Benton, and Franklin townships, and as his financial resources have in-

creased he has wisely placed his money in land, which is the safest of all investments, until he now has over six hundred and twenty acres. He has also given much land to his children, and he expects soon to retire from the farm and remove to Mediapolis, where he will spend his remaining days in well-earned ease, enjoying the fruits of his former toil. At one time he was quite extensively engaged in the raising of cattle and hogs, and was accounted one of the most progressive and prosperous agriculturists of the county. At the time of the Civil War he was drafted for service, but he furnished a substitute.

In March, 1861, Mr. Meyers was married to Miss Mary Granaman, a daughter of Christ and Caroline (Beckman) Granaman. Ten children have been born of this union: Louie, the wife of Henry Breder; Louis; Molly, the wife of Henry Burney; William; Lona, the wife of John Thie; Emma, the deceased wife of Charles Heizer; Minnie, at home; and three who died in infancy.

Mr. Meyers has always been generous with his family, and devoted to their welfare. He is a man whose many personal traits of character are in accord with the elements of good citizenship, honesty in business, and reliability in all life's relations.

JAMES HENDERSON.

THE State of New York has furnished scores and scores of men who have settled in nearly every State in the Union, and by so doing have assisted very materially in the upbuilding of the same.

Iowa claims a goodly number of New Yorkers, among them being James Henderson, of this review. He is a son of William and Margaret (Smith) Henderson, and was born in Meredith, Delaware county, N. Y., Aug. 23, 1838. His parents were married in Delaware county, New York, and became the parents of eight children, six of whom grew to maturity: Mary, married James Cummings, and lives in Louisa county, Iowa; Elizabeth and John B., both deceased; Margaret, the wife of Thomas Cummings, has passed away; Hugh, died in the Civil War, after serving for a year and a half; and James, of this review.

The father came to Iowa in 1853, and located in Yellow Springs township, where he purchased a large tract of land, consisting of two hundred and ten acres, from Samuel McElhinney, where he established his Western home, in which he lived till he was called to his home beyond the skies. He was a member of the Reformed Presbyterian church, and a man whose aim in life was of the very highest.

The education of our subject was begun in New York, and as he was but fifteen years old when he came to Des Moines county, he had the privilege of attending the district schools in his adopted home. When his school days were at an end, he turned his attention to farming, remaining under the parental roof for many years.

March 27, 1867, Mr. Henderson was married to Miss Mary Jane Huston, a daughter of John and Susanna (Craig) Huston. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Henderson have been born nine children: Susanna Margaret; Hugh L., lives on a farm ad-

joining his father's; William John; Letitia A., is Mrs. James Carson, of Wyman, Iowa; Josiah James, at home; Mary Isabelle, married Leonard A. Flindt, and resides at Evans, Colo.; Lettie Almira, a twin to Letitia, died at the age of six months; Rosa Etta, died when about four months old; and an unnamed infant, also deceased.

Mr. Henderson has three hundred and thirty-eight and one-half acres of land, one hundred of which is in Section 6, one hundred and sixty in Section 8, and eighty acres in Section 7. When this property fell into the hands of Mr. Henderson, it was in its primitive state, only eighty acres being broken. All the nice and modern improvements were made by our subject and his father, the former having erected a comfortable dwelling of eight rooms and the necessary conveniences for grain and stock. Mr. Henderson and his son annually raise on an average of about fifty head of hogs, five to ten head of calves, and three or four colts, mostly of the draft stock. They also raise a few colts of fine bred fast stock. This place is well kept up and is one of the best in the county.

In all public enterprises Mr. Henderson has been an active, energetic worker, and no one stands higher in the respect and confidence of the people of this community than does he.

HON. JAMES BRUCE.

JAMES BRUCE was born March 19, 1814, in Frederick county, Virginia, and died May 1, 1888, at Mediapolis, Iowa. His father,

James Bruce, was a native of Frederick county, and volunteered as a soldier in the Revolutionary army, in 1779, when seventeen years old. His father was a Quaker, and opposed to his son bearing arms, and through the influence of his friends, Lawrence Washington, a nephew of General Washington, had him made wagon-master, and he served in that position. The mother of James Bruce was Ann B., a daughter of Morris Job and Lydia Bond, of Maryland.

The family removed to Highland county, Ohio, in 1815, and James came to Des Moines county, Iowa, April 1, 1837, three days later entering a claim which was his for thirty-eight years.

He married Mary H., a daughter of Judge David Rankin, March 28, 1839. He was a member of the first board of supervisors of Des Moines county in 1861, also in 1862-63, and chairman of that body. He was a member of the House of Representatives of the tenth general assembly in 1865.

His later years were spent quietly in his home in Mediapolis. Both his sons served in the Civil War, the elder, Lawrence H. C. Bruce, dying from wounds received at Yellow Bayou, La.

SAMUEL FULLENWIDER, M. D.

DR. SAMUEL FULLENWIDER, who for many years was an active member of the medical profession of Des Moines county, and whose kindly spirit and Christian life, as well as professional skill, made him honored and respected by all men, was born in Shelby county, Sept. 6, 1803. His boyhood and youth were passed without incident of special importance,

and in 1858, when twenty-five years of age, he was married to Miss Jane Houston, a native of Mason county, Kentucky. Soon afterward they removed to Indiana, locating near Lafayette, where Dr. Fullenwider engaged in the practice of medicine, for which work he had previously prepared. In this capacity he did much good throughout the community, being a conscientious practitioner whose labors were effective in alleviating suffering and checking the ravages of disease. While in that locality he became deeply interested in the founding of Wabash College, and did everything in his power to promote the enterprise.

In 1837 Dr. Fullenwider removed from Indiana to Iowa, locating in the village of Yellow Springs, but subsequently purchased a tract of land known as the Leonard & Seeds farm. He erected thereon a brick residence, and it was in that home that his wife died in 1845, and her grave was the first made in Kossuth cemetery.

In December, 1846, Dr. Fullenwider was again married, his second union being with Miss Mary A. Blair, daughter of Thomas Blair, a pioneer resident of Des Moines county. She died in 1856, and her remains rest by the side of his first wife.

Dr. Fullenwider continued the practice of medicine after removing from Yellow Springs to Kossuth, traveling in the interests of his profession all over the northern part of Des Moines county, until in advanced years he gave up professional service. He was a physician trusted and well beloved, and kept in touch with the progress of the medical fraternity. In public affairs he was also active and prominent in his community.

He became one of the eleven charter members who organized the Yellow Springs Presbyterian church (N. S.) of Kossuth, Sept. 12, 1840, and in connection with Thomas Blair and John Bandy constituted the first board of ruling elders of the new church. At the time of the amalgamation of the Round Prairie and Yellow Springs Presbyterian churches, on the basis of reunion of the old and new school bodies, adopted by the two assemblies Nov. 10, 1869, the membership of the two churches was transferred to the new organization known as the First Presbyterian church of Kossuth, and Dr. Fullenwider continued his membership therewith until his death, being a regular and generous contributor to its support. The cause of higher education also found in him a warm friend, and he was one of the founders and a charter member of Jefferson Academy, of Kossuth, which was organized in the winter of 1844. Questions of state and national importance also elicited his attention, and he gave his co-operation to many measures for the general good. He was a member of the last Territorial Legislature of Iowa, and a member of the Senate of the first general assembly following the admission of the State into the Union. A man of strong and decided views, he always had the courage of his convictions, and many instances are cited of how he stood resolutely for a position which he believed to be right, even though he had the strong opposition of the majority.

Dr. Fullenwider passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Narcissa J. McDill, in Preston, Iowa, Nov. 19, 1896, and was survived by the following children: J. H. Fullenwider, of Missouri;

Narcissa J., the widow of the late Judge J. W. McDill, of Preston; Samuel, who is living in Belleville, Ill.; and A. L. Fullenwider, of Colorado. Dr. Fullenwider was a man of wonderful will power, of strong convictions, and had a keen sense of right and wrong; he never faltered in his adherence to a course which his conscience and his judgment sanctioned. During his active life he was regarded as a leader in his community, and he also bore no unimportant part in framing the early policy of the State. Few men in the community filled a larger sphere in shaping the destiny of Des Moines county, for he left his impress for good upon various lines of activity which find consummation to-day in the splendid material, intellectual, and moral progress of the county.

PROF. S. O. THOMAS.

IDENTIFIED with the work of the public schools of Des Moines county, Iowa, for more than forty years, and during the greater portion of that period occupying a prominent place in the forefront of educational progress in Iowa, is Prof. S. O. Thomas, who was born Dec. 12, 1838, in Elizabethtown, Pa., a son of Thomas Francis and Nancy (Kiln) Thomas. In his youth he removed with his parents to Washington county Pennsylvania, where he attended the school that afterward developed into the Western Normal School. As a boy and as a young man he was variously employed, but at the inception of the war between the States he relinquished all care for his private interests, and resolved to devote

himself to the service of his country. Accordingly he enlisted on Oct. 1, 1861, in Company D, Eighty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was assigned to Casey's Division of the Army of the Potomac. At his own request he was transferred, in 1862, to the Independent New York Light Artillery, and with this force he remained for about one month, when the advance was made on Yorktown. There he had the misfortune to become the victim of illness, and with others was left in the hospital at that place, and later was removed to Baltimore, where he remained until discharged on July 4, 1863, returning immediately to his home. During his military experience he was engaged in a number of skirmishes, but on account of his illness was prevented from participating in the great battles of the war.

At the close of the Civil War, Professor Thomas, linking his fate with that of the West, came to Des Moines county, arriving here in December, 1864, and took up the work of teaching in the rural district schools. After three very successful terms in the country schools, he was called into the service of the Burlington city schools, in the spring of 1867, and this has ever since been the scene of his efforts for the advancement of education, he teaching continuously for approximately forty years (with the exception of three years on account of poor health) in one school. During that time he was the principal, an office which he still retains, and whose duties he has discharged with such marked ability that his re-engagement year after year has always been considered a matter of course, and only modified in the public mind by the possibility

that he might be induced, by some of the many flattering offers that have come to him from other cities, to desert the local field. He has always chosen, however, to remain loyal to his first choice; and although the school comprised at his coming only one hundred twenty pupils, the number rapidly increased under his leadership, finally attaining the six hundred mark, with a corps of nine assistant teachers. In 1897 the old school edifice was destroyed by fire, and a new and modern structure consisting of twelve rooms, steam-heated, has been erected. In that year also a redistribution of school districts in the city limits cut off a large portion of the old territory, thus decreasing the number of pupils to three hundred seventy-six; but more modern methods have been adopted, and while the number of pupils has been reduced, the number of assistants has been augmented to twelve, a change which has resulted in a marked increase of efficiency.

On Nov. 2, 1871, Professor Thomas wedded Miss Jessie Donnell, a daughter of Thomas and Ruth Jane (Braden) Donnell, and to them have been born six children, two of whom died in infancy, while four survived until maturity, these being as follows: Frank, now a resident of Lewiston, Idaho; Stella May, who was killed in an elevator accident in Chicago, Jan. 27, 1901; Bert, also a resident of Idaho; and Jessie, now a student in Parson's College, at Fairfield, Iowa.

Politically, Professor Thomas is allied with the Republican party, and in addition to his other activities has long been a prominent worker in the cause of religion, being a member of the Presbyterian church, which he has served for many

years as deacon, and he still holds that office. As a man and a citizen his long and upright course has won him universal approbation, esteem, and regard, and his record of splendid achievement as an educator is for his adopted State a matter of unbounded pride and self-gratulation.

T. A. MERRILL.

T. A. MERRILL, editor and proprietor of the *New Era*, at Mediapolis, was born in this town Jan. 2, 1878, a son of James and Jessie R. (Telfer) Merrill. The father, James W. Merrill, is a native of Ohio, his birth having occurred in Moscow, that State, July 31, 1833. In 1855, subsequent to the death of his parents, he came to Iowa, being at that time a young man of twenty-two years. He was married Dec. 17, 1863, to Miss Jessie R. Telfer, who was born in Dundee, Scotland, April 11, 1830, and is a daughter of Alexander and Margaret (Robertson) Telfer. Subsequent to his marriage Mr. Merrill removed to Illinois, where he lived for a number of years. In 1869 he returned to Northfield, and taught in the schools of that neighborhood for several years. In 1875 he purchased of O. S. Green the printing plant at Mediapolis, and conducted the paper for some years under the name of *The Enterprise*, after which he changed it to the *New Era*. He then published the paper semi-weekly until May, 1904, when it was purchased by his son, T. A. Merrill.

Mr. Merrill served for a short time in the army as a member of Company G, Forty-fifth Iowa Infantry, but because of

physical disability was unable to take a very active part in the service. He has for many years figured prominently in journalistic and literary circles in Des Moines county, and was the publisher of the Yellow Springs and Huron townships history.

T. A. Merrill pursued his education in the public schools of Mediapolis, and in his youth became familiar with the printer's trade, gaining practical experience in his father's office. In 1899 he purchased the *Nichols Gazette* office, which he still owns, and conducted that paper until May, 1904, when he purchased the *New Era* office of his father, and has since continued the publication of the latter journal as a semi-weekly paper. It is a bright, enterprising sheet, devoted to the dissemination of general and local news, and has a large circulation.

Mr. Merrill was married to Miss Mattie B. Miller, a daughter of Miles M. and Jane (Sheppard) Miller. They have no children.

MARLOW M. COON.

MARLOW M. COON, who is following farming and stock-raising in a practical, progressive, and profitable manner in Yellow Springs township, was born Oct. 11, 1846, his parents being Samuel and Maria (Cook) Coon, both natives of New York. Removing to the West, they settled in Hancock county, Illinois, coming to that State with their family of seven children. They started by boat, and two of the children, Rozeltha and Milo, died while *en route*. The five children who lived were, Ermina, Rosanna, Caroline, Lorenzo, and Lucy, but

Rosanna died at the age of nineteen years. The father's death occurred in Illinois, May 17, 1887, while his wife passed away June 23, 1881.

Marlow M. Coon accompanied his parents on their removal to Illinois. After reaching adult age he was married in that State to Miss Mary E. Hamilton, a daughter of George and Polly A. (Owens) Hamilton, and a native of Indiana. She was only four years old when her parents removed to Illinois. Mrs. Coon was born June 15, 1848, and by her marriage has become the mother of the following named: Garah Bell, born Sept. 4, 1868, is the wife of W. B. Polk, a resident of Denver, Colo.; Samuel Edward, born Feb. 26, 1870, is living in Burlington; Wilson Weekley, born Oct. 4, 1873, makes his home in Kossuth; John Thomas, born Jan. 24, 1875, is a resident of Chicago; Charles Arthur, born July 9, 1877, is located in Northfield, this county; Marlow Clinton, born Sept. 28, 1879, is living in Fairfield, Iowa; Margaret Udella, born Sept. 20, 1881, is at home; Orval Birch, born Oct. 30, 1884, is residing in Moline, Ill.; and George Victor, born Feb. 14, 1888, is with his parents.

At the time of the Civil War, Mr. Coon offered his services to the government in defense of the Union cause, enlisting in March, 1863, as a member of Company D, Sixty-fourth Illinois Infantry. He joined the regiment at Carthage, Ill., and was mustered into service at Springfield, that State. His command was assigned to the army of the Tennessee, and he participated in all the engagements in which the regiment took part, including those of the Atlanta campaign and the celebrated march to the sea under General Sherman. Mr. Coon was ever faithful to the cause which he espoused,

and remained with his command until after the close of hostilities, when he received an honorable discharge at Louisville, Ky., and was mustered out at Chicago, in 1865.

Returning to his family in Illinois, Mr. Coon continued to remain in that State until 1887, when he came to Iowa, and here he has continuously followed farming, having a good tract of land in Sections 29 and 30, Yellow Springs' township, twenty acres being on the former section, and sixty acres on the latter. This property has been partially tiled, but much of it has natural drainage, the alluvial soil producing excellent crops. The land has all been cleared and placed under a high state of cultivation, so that the farm returns an excellent income to the owner as a reward for his capable management and practical efforts in cultivating the place. He purchased this property from Mrs. McMeen in March, 1887, and immediately took possession, since which time he has carried on general agricultural pursuits. He has also made a study of the raising of hogs, keeping on hand an average of twenty-five head of Poland China and Duroc Jersey hogs. He is a member of the Grand Army post at Mediapolis, and in politics has been a stalwart Republican since casting his first presidential ballot for General Grant.

ROBERT McELHINNEY.

ROBERT McELHINNEY, one of the pioneer settlers of Des Moines county, was a native of Ireland, and after residing in Louisa county, Iowa, for a time, he came to this county, arriving May 28, 1840. It was largely a wild and unimproved region, but he feared not the hardships and trials inci-

dent to frontier life, and resolved to make a home for himself and family in this section of the State. He therefore took up land from the government, becoming the owner of about four hundred acres, and the farm upon which his son, Joseph M. McElhinney, now resides is a part of the original tract. The entire farm lay in Des Moines county, but Mr. McElhinney always made his home just across the boundary line in Louisa county. He was an enterprising agriculturist, a man of enterprising purpose and determined spirit, and in his farming operations he accomplished whatever he undertook. He died in 1883 at the advanced age of eighty-seven years, and thus passed away one of the well-known pioneer settlers of this section of the State. He had contributed in substantial measure to the early development and progress here. His wife died about 1873 at the age of seventy-three years. She was also a native of Ireland, and their marriage was celebrated ere they emigrated to the New World. They became the parents of five children: Catherine, now deceased; Gavin, who is living in Morning Sun, Iowa; John, of Leavenworth, Kans.; Joseph M., who occupies the old home farm; and Samuel, who has also passed away.

Joseph M. McElhinney was born in Cayuga county, New York, Oct. 26, 1829, and was ten years of age when he came to Iowa. He pursued his education in the early subscription schools, the schoolhouse being built of logs, and furnished, after the primitive manner of the times, with rude benches and a big fireplace. Reared to the occupation of farming, he has always followed that pursuit, and is now the owner of one hundred and ten acres of valuable land on Section 4, Yellow Springs township. The greater part of this is under a high state of cultiva-

tion, and he also has twenty acres of timber land in Louisa county. He has made all of the improvements upon his farm, erecting his large dwelling in 1876, and the barn in 1875. There are other substantial buildings on the place for the shelter of grain and stock, and these in turn are surrounded by well-tilled fields. Mr. McElhinney raises annually from fifty to sixty head of hogs, mostly of the Duroc breed, and he also has some high-bred Hereford cattle.

On Feb. 19, 1862, Mr. McElhinney was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Wilson, a daughter of Robert and Mary (Wilson) Wilson. Her father was one of the original Covenanters in this part of the country, and assisted in organizing the church in Yellow Springs township. He was a man of strong mentality and force of character, and he left the impress of his individuality for good upon the lives of those with whom he came in contact. Mrs. McElhinney was born in Ohio, March 28, 1833, and died Oct. 7, 1895. By her marriage she had become the mother of three children: Anna, the wife of Mathew Hutchinson, of Yellow Springs township; Nancy, who died at the age of two years; and William, who is superintending the home farm. He was born in Yellow Springs township, April 5, 1868, and was married Jan. 3, 1895, to Miss Mary Kennedy, whose birth occurred Nov. 29, 1872, and who was a daughter of James Kennedy. Mr. and Mrs. William McElhinney have three children: Olive May, born June 18, 1896; James M., born Jan. 21, 1899; and Martin Wilson, born July 27, 1904. The McElhinney family has been represented in the county from early pioneer times, and its representatives have always been known as enterprising agriculturists, reliable business men, and faithful citizens.

THOMAS HUTCHCROFT.

THOMAS HUTCHCROFT was born in Yorkshire, England, May 5, 1819, and died at his home in Mediapolis, Iowa, June 13, 1905.

He was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Fowler, Aug. 16, 1855. To this union one child was born, which died in infancy. The couple came to America in 1858, and settled in Des Moines county. They lived in this township most of the time since coming to this country, and for many years they lived on the farm east of and adjoining the town. In 1892 he retired from the farm and settled in town, where he spent the remainder of his days.

Mr. Hutchcroft — or Uncle Tommy, as he was familiarly called — was a man of good habits, worthy of the confidence of all his relatives and neighbors; honorable in all his dealings with his fellow-men. He was a loving husband, and his was a most hospitable home, where all his friends — who were legion — were always made welcome. He leaves an aged wife, with whom he had lived half a century.

The funeral was held from the family residence on Harrison Street at 1:30 P. M., Thursday, and was attended by a large concourse of relatives and friends. The casket was covered with many beautiful and costly flowers given by loving friends. Rev. W. H. Perdew conducted the services. A few musical numbers were rendered by Edward Bridges, M. L. Blake, Miss Circe Wagner, and Miss Margaret McConnell, Miss Lou Rogers playing the organ. The remains were then conveyed to Kossuth cemetery, where they were laid to rest until the resurrection morn. The pall-bearers were nephews of the deceased, and were as follows: Frank Drinkall, of Yarmouth; John

Drinkall, of Yarmouth; Henry Drinkall, of Wyman; Thomas Drinkall, of this place; William Pilling, of this place; and Oscar Hutchcroft, of Arapahoe, Nebr.

People who were in attendance from a distance were: Mrs. Anna Afflick, St. Paul, Minn.; Mrs. Hannah Jordon, Mrs. Eliza Rundorff, and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Dotterwich, of Burlington; Mr. and Mrs. Moody, and Mrs. Geo. Lane, of Winfield; Mrs. Elizabeth Drinkall, Mr. Wren Hutchcroft, Mr. and Mrs. George Hutchcroft, Mrs. Jessie McCann, Mrs. Mary Seickmann, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Drinkall, Mr. and Mrs. Giliard, and Miss Gladys Drinkall, of Yarmouth; Mr. and Mrs. John Jack, of New Port.

WILLIAM SCHAFFNER.

WILLIAM SCHAFFNER, of Burlington, deputy sheriff of Des Moines county, has been a factor in the progress and upbuilding of his adopted city along industrial lines, and by his long and honorable part in public affairs has merited and won the esteem of those who know him. Mr. Schaffner was born April 4, 1835, in Untermaszfeld, duchy of Meiningen, Germany, a son of Christopher Schaffner, a minister of the Lutheran church, and Carolina (Fleischman) Schaffner, the former of whom died in 1840 and the latter in 1880. Our subject is one of a family of five brothers and one sister, of whom he is the last survivor, all the others being now deceased. He received his schooling before leaving his native land, being educated in a Real school, where he learned the French and English languages, and also studied the

economy of agriculture for a two years' term on a large farm where actual farming operations were conducted. Mr. Schaffner did not, however, drop study when he completed his term at school, but by constant reading and observation has come to be a well-informed man.

When only seventeen years of age Mr. Schaffner decided that the best field for his activities was to be found in America, and he accordingly took passage in the sailing vessel "Itzstein & Welker," from which, after a voyage of sixty-two days' duration, he landed at Baltimore on Aug. 17, 1852. From that city he traveled by rail to Cincinnati and thence by boat to New Orleans by way of the Ohio River. He remained in New Orleans during a period of eight months, during which he acted as clerk to an architect, and then went to Louisville, Ky., where for fifteen months he was employed by a garden marketman. For one year he occupied a position as clerk in a delicatessen store in Louisville, and in 1885 he came West and located in Burlington. He shortly formed a partnership with Mr. Philip Bauer, in association with whom he built what is now the Burlington brewery of Casper Heil. The firm, which was conducted under the name of Bauer & Schaffner, continued to operate the brewery for seventeen years, or until the business was abandoned in 1872.

During this period of his residence in Burlington, Mr. Schaffner made many friends in the city and throughout Des Moines county, and as an active worker for the success of the Democratic party won much popularity and universal appreciation for his determined character and strength of purpose. Under the administration of Mayor Adams he was appointed city

market- and weigh-master, an office which he held for a short time, and when the death of Sheriff Latty left that office vacant he was nominated by his party for the place and elected in the fall of 1872. Later he was re-elected and continued in office for a total period of seven years, so satisfactory was his administration. His discharge of his duties was at all times highly effective, for he conscientiously regarded his office as a sacred trust, and one in which he was morally obliged to serve the people and the public interest with absolute and unflinching fidelity. Upon the expiration of his last term as sheriff of Des Moines county, he engaged for six or seven years in soliciting work for the American Publishing House of Chicago, for whom he traveled in Nebraska selling the "Encyclopedia of Health and Home," with which he had excellent success. During the incumbency of Sheriff George Smith he received appointment as deputy sheriff, and has remained in that office during the tenure of Sheriffs Muenzenmeier, Ernest, and Williams.

At Burlington on Nov. 22, 1855, Mr. Schaffner was united in marriage to Miss Dorothy Giebrich, who was born in Germany, and came to America when only seven years of age, in company with her parents, who died at Centerville, Ill. To them have been born ten children, seven of whom survive, as follows: Mrs. C. W. Cornell, Knoxville, Iowa; Bertha, wife of M. Block, also of Knoxville; Mrs. Dorothy Forsman, widow of J. B. Siegfried, of St. Louis; Ida, unmarried, director of the Kindergarten on North Oak Street, Burlington; William, of Burlington, a traveling salesman; and Angela, who is a member of her parents' household. Mr. Schaffner is

a member and faithful worker in the German Lutheran church, with which he has been actively connected for a long term of years. He was formerly a member of the Turner Society of Burlington, but has dropped from its membership roll. His political affiliation was with the Republican party until 1888, at which time he changed his allegiance in view of the fact that the question of Prohibition then became an issue. In 1859 he received the honor of election as alderman from the third ward of Burlington under the administration of Mayor Corse, but owing to the pressure of private affairs he resigned after a short time.

He displayed a peculiar talent and ability in business, but owing to circumstances beyond his control and by reason of great misfortune has suffered heavy financial loss. At the time of the failure of the brewery business he lost the entire fortune which he had accumulated up to that time, but nothing daunted by this calamity, he at once made a new beginning, and by care, industry, and sound judgment secured a competence by his own efforts. Through his long and honorable course of life, his high integrity and absolute uprightness and honesty have won for him the deepest admiration and regard of all who know him, and he is to-day rich in the friendship of many of Burlington's most eminent sons, men who have witnessed for many years the purity of his private life and his unsullied public career. He has deserved well of his fellow-citizens, both for what he has accomplished for their welfare and for the magnificent example of his life, and to no man is their respect vouchsafed in a truly greater or a higher degree.

EDWARD HEIZER.

EDWARD HEIZER is one of the pioneer settlers of Des Moines county still identified with its interests. He came here first in 1844, arriving after a long journey across the country with a two-horse team and wagon; and after staying about three weeks he returned to his native county in Ohio. He was born in Ross county, Ohio, Nov. 13, 1822, his parents being Samuel and Mary (Ware) Heizer. The father removed from Virginia to Ohio, and it is thought that he was a native of Maryland. He died in the Buckeye State at the age of fifty-one years and eleven months, and his wife passed away in Ohio when sixty-seven years of age. In their family were thirteen children, of whom Edward was the tenth in order of birth, and the only other surviving member of the father's household is his sister, Mrs. William Anderson, a widow, who resides with her daughter in Highland county, Ohio.

Edward Heizer began his education in the old-time subscription schools of his native State, the little "temple of learning" being a log structure furnished with slab seats, a puncheon floor, a long, narrow window made by removing one of the logs, and slab writing desks. The methods of teaching, too, were primitive when compared with those of the present day, but students were well grounded in the three essential branches of reading, writing, and arithmetic. Mr. Heizer was reared to the occupation of farming, which he has followed all of his life; and attracted by the possibilities of the growing West, he came with a two-horse team to Mediapolis in 1844. Soon he made arrangements whereby he purchased eighty acres of land in Section 24, Yellow

Springs township, about a mile from the village, and later he added forty acres, while subsequently he purchased another tract of fifty-eight acres. This, however, he sold to George Walker, while subsequently he sold his original claim to Hope Eland. This was all in a wild state when it came into his possession, and he developed it into one of the fine farms of the township, on which he erected a modern farmhouse and other commodious and substantial buildings, adding likewise all of the equipments and accessories found upon a model farm of the present age. Here he lived until 1904, when he purchased a nice residence in Mediapolis, where he now makes his home, living in well-earned ease and retirement after long, active, and honorable connection with agricultural pursuits.

Nov. 20, 1845, Mr. Heizer was united in marriage to Miss Anna Harper, a daughter of Joab and Lydia (Jones) Harper, and a native of Ross county, Ohio, born April 2, 1825. For many years she traveled life's journey by his side, proving a capable companion and helpmeet to him; but Sept. 28, 1903, she was called to her final rest. There were six children born of that marriage, of whom five are living: David N., born Nov. 11, 1846, now engaged in mining interests, his home being at Colorado Springs, Colo.; Joab H., born Oct. 22, 1849, now a farmer of Iowa; Clara E., born July 8, 1853, and died April 6, 1856; Lydia F., born May 4, 1856, now the wife of Thomas Eland; Addie J., born June 5, 1859, now the wife of George F. Blake; and Robert E., born June 10, 1856, now a farmer of Colorado.

In his political affiliation Mr. Heizer has long been a stalwart Republican, and was for a number of years treasurer of the school

board of his district. At one time he was connected with the Know-Nothing society. He belongs to the Presbyterian church, and in his life has exemplified his faith in his honorable relations with his fellow-men and in his active and straightforward business career. His mind bears the impress of the early history of the county, with all its pioneer conditions, its hardships and trials, its pleasures and interests; and his memory, as it were, has a panoramic view of the development as the county has emerged from a wild state, taking on the improvements known to the older East, keeping also in touch with modern progress.

HON. BENTON J. HALL.

MEN of marked ability, forceful character, and upright purpose leave their impress upon the world written in such indelible characters that time is powerless to obliterate their memory, or sweep it from the minds of men. The force of their example spurs to emulation, and what they have accomplished is an inspiration to those who come after them, while their sterling virtues live on forever in the hearts of those who have known and loved them, and are cherished in the annals of the community in which they lived and labored as faithful citizens.

Benton J. Hall, deceased, in manner was always dignified, courteous, and kind, being of a very affectionate but somewhat reserved disposition. He rose step by step through indefatigable industry to wealth, honor, and influence, and numbered among his friends persons in all walks of life. In early life he was an enthusiastic outdoor

sportsman, and greatly excelled in whatever he undertook. His natural reserve kept him from joining any of the many secret societies, and whatever his personal popularity, it rested upon his ability and integrity alone, and derived no assistance from friendships drawn from these associations. He inherited from his father, one of the prominent pioneers of Burlington, a mind of unusual strength and activity.

His father, Judge J. C. Hall, a lawyer of mark, his chief characteristic being great force and clearness. He was always spoken of as one of the most powerful lawyers of the West, and won his way by sheer force of intellect to a position upon the supreme judicial bench of the State. Nothing could exceed the personal devotion of Mr. Hall to the memory of his father; and sometimes, in the power with which he bore down upon a jury or court, it seemed as if the son exceeded the father.

Mr. Hall derived a poetic, imaginative faculty from his beloved mother, which sometimes led him into refinements, but added a charm of imagery and fancy that contributed to make him popular as an orator. His was a very conservative disposition, never following after fads of any kind, and it was always easy to know where he stood upon any public question. If he was sentimental, he never was unsound. Always a Democrat of the old school, a strict constructionist, opposed to all sumptuary legislation, or doubtful experiments in finance, he was steadfastly loyal to his party. While a man of reserved temperament, he was a man of the greatest courage in expressing his conviction, regardless of consequences. During the war period, being a Democrat, he did not hesitate to speak his mind freely even in the midst of great ex-

citement in the community. Similar courage he often exhibited in the conduct of his legal business, never concealing his views nor mincing his words through cowardice. His mind was especially useful and serviceable in legislative and judicial directions.

When in the State senate he was a recognized leader — was looked to for leadership. But the judicial quality was most conspicuously shown in the position of commissioner of patents. This is essentially a judicial position, requiring, to make it a success, a rare combination of scientific ability and talents of a jurist. These Mr. Hall possessed and exhibited to a marked degree, according to the unanimous opinion of those who were best qualified to judge — the examiners and members of the bar.

Mr. Hall was favored with public honors to a greater extent, perhaps, than any other early citizen of Burlington. He was for eight terms city solicitor, for years president of the school board, a member of both houses of the Legislature and of Congress, and candidate of his party for attorney-general and judge of the supreme court. These all came to him as a favorite of his party and the people, but it can be truly said that they did not come from his self-seeking. He could not push himself, and he never would try. The offices sought him because of his ability, integrity, and reliability. In these qualities he was popular, but not in any ability to solicit support for himself. He would never have been a success as a politician or wire puller, because he was not a politician, but eminently a statesman.

Mr. Hall was born in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, Jan. 13, 1835. He was the only surviving son of J. C. Hall, and came to Burlington in 1840. Shortly afterward the family set-

tled in Henry County, but came back to Burlington a year or two later and made this city their permanent home. Young Hall received his primary education in the Howe School, of Mt. Pleasant, afterward going to Knox College, Galesburg, where he continued till his junior year, and was graduated from Miami University, of Oxford, Ohio, in 1855. Upon his return from college he entered upon the study of law in the office of his father, and after two years' reading under the tutelage of that eminent jurist, was admitted, in 1856, to practice in all the courts of the State. At different subsequent periods he was associated in the practice of law in this city with his father, Judge S. B. Huston, W. W. Baldwin, and E. S. Huston.

April 16, 1857, Mr. Hall was married to Miss Louise Webb, of La Fayette, Ind., the youngest daughter of the late Col. David and Mrs. Sally T. Webb. Mrs. Hall was always a faithful, helpful companion to her husband. There was a great deal of literary and oratorical talent in her family. Mrs. Hall possesses a mind of rare ability, is a woman exceedingly well posted on all the issues of the day, and is considered authority on all literary subjects. She is a lady of dignity and refinement, perfectly at home in any circle where culture and refinement exist. Perhaps her greatest charm is that of a brilliant conversationalist, and she, too, like her departed husband, has friends among persons in every station of life.

In 1861 Mr. Hall became the candidate of his party in Des Moines county, for the State Legislature, but was defeated at the polls. In the years that followed his first legislative race he suffered himself to become the candidate of his party many times,

though never with the chance of election in his favor, owing to the adverse political complexion of the county and State. He was earnest in his political convictions, and never could refuse when his party friends came to him and asked him to be their standard bearer.

In 1862 he was the Democratic candidate for attorney-general of Iowa, but was defeated by C. C. Nourse, of Des Moines. In 1871 he was elected over J. Wilson Williams to represent Des Moines county in the State Legislature. In 1873 he was the choice of his party for Iowa Supreme Court Judge, but was defeated by J. M. Beck. He was elected to the State Senate in 1881, defeating John Patterson.

In 1882 he consented to be the Democratic candidate for Congress from the First District, though the district was overwhelmingly Republican. He was defeated by Moses M. McCoid. Again, in 1884, he became the Democratic candidate for Congress, and was elected, defeating John S. Woolson, and was the first Democratic congressman elected from this district in over thirty years, the last being his uncle, the late judge Augustus Hall, of Nebraska. He was defeated two years later by Hon. John H. Gear. In the spring of 1887 he was appointed by President Cleveland commissioner of patents of the United States, and served with distinction in this responsible position until the close of Cleveland's first administration.

Retiring from public life, he opened a law office in Chicago, with a view to devoting himself to patent practice. He was conceded to be at this time one of the best-equipped patent attorneys in the United States. But his failing health forced him to refrain from entering actively into business,

and he returned to Burlington, fully realizing that his days of active life were over. Mr. Hall died after a short illness at his home, 422 Columbia Street.

The Des Moines County Bar Association, of which Mr. Hall was an esteemed member, convened at the court-room to take appropriate and sympathetic action upon his death. Judge James D. Smyth, presiding, called the late Hon. George Frazee to the chair. W. L. Cooper was made secretary. On motion of Mr. Illick and amended by Mr. Blake, the chair appointed a committee of four, Mr. George Frazee, Mr. W. W. Baldwin, Mr. Thomas Hedge, and Mr. E. S. Huston (it being in the motion that the chairman of the meeting act as chairman of the committee), to draft suitable resolutions. The funeral of Mr. Hall was held from his late home, which is still occupied by his widow, and was one of the largest ever held in the city. During the hours of his funeral the schools were closed and all business suspended in attestation of their grief for the death of this estimable man. The members of the bar attended in a body, and Rev. J. M. D. Davidson, assisted by Dr. Salter, a treasured friend of Mr. Hall, conducted the services, speaking words of cheer and comfort to the widow and other relatives, and paying a just tribute of respect to the departed statesman. Mrs. Hall was not alone in her sorrow and mourning, for all Burlington truly felt they had lost a good citizen and a man whom every one loved and respected. His remains were laid to rest in beautiful Aspen Grove cemetery.

"In a quiet spot, away from the heat and dust, the mad race for pelf and power, the anxiety and loss of living, where all is calm; out there in the beautiful cemetery

—the city of the dead—where there is no harsher sound than the song of the early bird, come to mingle its melody with the voice of the whispering leaves, or the buzz of the bees banqueting among the flowers that nod and bow their stately heads as if in dreams among the shadows of the tombs," lie the remains of our departed statesman, slumbering on through eternity—at rest forever more.

The following is the eulogy he delivered while a member of Congress, upon the death of Vice-President Hendricks:—

"When we consider how empty and tasteless are the rewards of honor and the successes of ambition, how vain are the consolations of wealth and power, how full the world is of wreck and failure; when we look down upon the plains of human life and witness the restless, wearied struggle for existence, the discontent and misery, we are led to ask: Where is there refuge? What is happiness, and where may it be found? It is not in camp or court or the busy marts, where want and penury call aloud. It is only in the home—in that domestic bliss, the only happiness that survived the fall. It arises from the pure consecration of two lives, one man and one woman, to each other. This is not a mere privilege, but a necessity to our humanity; without it life loses its zest, love its reward, and hope its realization. No one who by precept or example imperils the high standard of this awful necessity can be regarded as a friend to his fellow or a lover of his race. In this direction, with what safety and satisfaction can we then turn to Mr. Hendricks. The immaculate purity of his private life is the property and glory of the nation.

"We may not lift the veil, even in this hour of desolation, and intrude the sanctity

of that blissful union between him and her who yet lingers here. We know the golden cord is broken, but the casket yet retains its treasure. Frail pitcher of beauty upon the head of purity, borne safely by faithful feet to the journey's end through rough and tempting paths! Where can the image find pediment or lodgment for contemplation and the perfection of our lives save in the people's homes and beside their hearths? And there the life and purity of the Indiana man has helped to elevate it."

In concluding this address, which brought Mr. Hall into national fame as an orator of high intellectual powers, he thus expressed himself upon the philosophy of life:—

"But, Mr. Speaker, why these ceremonies and eulogies? Though they might gratify, they reach him not. Are they not really for ourselves? It is ordained for all to die, and is there a great undertone, never ceasing, which, like a solemn bell, when we listen, reminds us of mortality? Alas! the deep strain of human life pours in so constant and imperceptibly! As generation after generation disappears, the sullen roar of that broad tide which pours itself down the distant and precipitous cataract into the dark valley of the shadow of death, is so remote, inaudible, and low, that we live as if we were immortal and would never die. Only when the dreadful dart comes home, strikes with sudden clangor in the circles of our household, or smites down some lofty character entrenched in popular affection, are we startled out of deep, absorbed preoccupation into the consciousness of immortality; and then, trembling and crouching, we wait expectant, and it strikes still nearer; then fright and fear again. Fear and fright are the instruments of safety. They forewarn and add speed to flight. But there is no

safety, no flight from the universal Presence. Only one refuge, one need prepare, prepare! It requires long years of studious application and wide experience to prepare the garment to appear in before that august Tribune whose seat is near these precincts.

"The highest social life adorns itself with nicest care, puts on its costliest raiment, when it comes before presidents and ministers of state; but there is a tribunal, a court, where none may enter unbidden and without preparation,—not the preparation of an hour or a week, snatched in weakness and trembling from long years of health and boastful strength, but that which comes from long communion with the divine attributes, a noble and willing submission to His visitations and His judgments, the observance of His statutes, and a faith that places all things in the hollow of His great hand."

H. P. SCHEURS.

H. P. SCHEURS, superintendent of roads and bridges of Des Moines county, Iowa, is one of Burlington's native sons, having been born in this city March 1, 1844, a son of P. M. Scheurs, who was born in Germany, and came to this city in 1840, after living in New York, Pennsylvania, and Ohio, where he worked at his trade of cabinet-making. When our subject was but an infant, his father died, the date being 1846; but the mother, whose maiden name was Magdalena Kauffmann, survived him many years, and died in Burlington at the age of about sixty years. They were the parents of seven children, as follows: Christina, deceased wife of P. A. Andre; Sophia, wife of John Demling, of Burlington; Mary,

widow of Charles Wedertz, late of Burlington; Elizabeth, who resides with her sister, Mrs. Wedertz; Katherine, deceased, who was the wife of Fred Schildt, of Burlington; H. P., our subject; and John M.

Mr. Scheurs was reared in Burlington, beginning his education in private schools; and when the public schools were opened, he attended the South Hill school. He remained at his mother's home until 1859, when he went to Ohio, where he remained until 1862, working with a cousin on a farm. In the latter year he returned to Burlington, and began working for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, entering its employ as brakeman on a construction train, later doing repair work and being variously employed. When the Mississippi River bridge was built, he was given the foremanship of a gang of fifty men engaged in putting down stub tracks, hauling lumber and materials, and similar work. For one year he was passenger and freight conductor, running between Burlington and Keokuk, and in all was engaged in railroad work for about ten years, during which he gained much valuable experience, which has no doubt played an important part in his subsequent success. In 1870 he embarked in mercantile pursuits, entering the grocery and wholesale ice business with Wedertz & Company, the business comprising in addition a produce and fruit commission trade, which he continued successfully until 1888.

Mr. Scheurs's public activities date from 1889, when he received from Mayor George A. Duncan the appointment as street commissioner of the city of Burlington, a position in which he served with credit and to the general satisfaction until 1894. He then was employed by the board of county commissioners to build the highway north of

the city known as the North Bottom Road, now a magnificent thoroughfare ten miles in length. His most important work up to the present time, however, was accomplished as superintendent of the building of Crapo Park—an enterprise requiring a vast amount of executive ability and technical skill. The site of the park was at that time in the rough, encumbered with farm buildings, underbrush, hedges, etc., and it was necessary to take the ground in almost its wild state and bring it to its present perfection. This Mr. Scheurs did, with only the drawn plans as a guide, cutting all the roadways, doing all the grading and filling, constructing the walks down to the river, clearing off the ground, putting in the sewers and tiling, thus doing all the fundamental landscape work, and leaving it ready for the decorations that gave it the final form. His pay-roll during all the time he was thus engaged was approximately \$500 a week, about forty men and ten teams being employed for two years or seasons on the work, to the superintendency of which Mr. Scheurs was appointed by the first park commission, consisting of P. M. Crapo, Charles Starker, and E. Hagemann.

On the successful conclusion of this great undertaking, he was appointed by the county board to the office of superintendent of bridges and highways, to have charge of building all bridges, constructing all highways, and the execution of all other work on highways of Des Moines county, such as cutting down hills, opening new roads, making big fills or grades, building approaches to existing bridges, etc. He has served Des Moines county in this capacity since 1894, but was assisted by a foreman deputy during the period in which he was giving his attention to the construction of Crapo Park.

In 1867 Mr. Scheurs wedded, at Burlington, Miss Elizabeth Armknecht, of German parentage, who died in 1889, and is buried in Aspen Grove cemetery. Mrs. Scheurs was a woman of many estimable traits of character, and enjoyed a wide circle of friendship among the best people of Burlington. To them were born one son and six daughters, these being in order of birth as follows: Charles H.; Clara, wife of George Yackel, of Fort Madison, Iowa; Mary; Katherine; Emma; Charlotte; and Mildred.

Mr. Scheurs has achieved a measure of success which is highly gratifying to his friends and to all those who have watched his sure and steady progress, for his success is all his own, having been won without outside aid of any kind; and thus it is that he is fairly and fully entitled to the name of self-made man—the proudest title which any citizen of this nation may bear, and one which the greatest may well be content to deserve. His career has been long and varied, but uniformly honorable, upright, and just in every particular, and his reward is the high regard and profound respect of his fellow-men, while the qualities of his heart and warm, friendly disposition have endeared him to many. A member of a political party, the Democratic, he has never allowed his allegiance, loyal as it is, to estrange him from any amicable or social relation, and has rather given his most earnest thought to the higher interests of mankind, finding true expression of the ideal side of his nature in his religious relations. The key-note of his life has been useful endeavor and the building of character, and in these respects his life record is one that should command the careful study of all aspiring and ambitious youth.

SAMUEL HERSCHLER.

SAMUEL HERSCHLER, in whom the spirit of enterprise and business activity finds exemplification, is a member of the firm of Herschler & Eisfeld, successors to the Eisfeld Clothing Company, of Burlington. A native son of this city, he was born Jan. 5, 1856, his parents being Solomon and Caroline (Weiler) Herschler. The father was born in Germany, and came to America about 1848, settling first at Terre Haute, Ind., where he remained until his removal to Burlington. Here he established a clothing business, being one of the leading merchants of his city. He was also an active factor in political circles as an advocate of the Democracy, and twice represented the third ward in the city council. He was a warm admirer of Stephen A. Douglas, when the Illinois statesman visited the Democracy of this city. Interested in all that pertained to public progress, his efforts in behalf of the general good were far-reaching and beneficial. He was married in Terre Haute, Ind., to Miss Caroline Weiler, who was also a native of Germany, and came to the United States on the same vessel on which her husband crossed the Atlantic.

They became the parents of five children, who reached mature years: Henry and Hardy, who are now deceased; Louis, who is in Pond Creek, Okla.; Samuel; and Rachael, wife of G. Schaaf, of Burlington. The father was killed May 10, 1860, in a runaway accident, while taking his children out riding, and the mother, long surviving him, passed away in 1887.

Samuel Herschler entered the public schools at the usual age, proceeded through successive grades until he had completed the high-school course by graduation with the

class of 1872. Later he entered Bryant & Stratton's Business College, and completed the entire course in three months—a work that no other pupil of the institution had ever accomplished, his previous business experience, however, assisting him in this. His business career began practically when he was but nine years of age, for at that time he began carrying the *Argus*,—now the *Gazette*,—and was thus employed until he had completed the high-school course. On July 5, 1872, he entered the employ of R. M. Raab & Brothers as cashier and book-keeper, remaining with that firm for seventeen years, being advanced from one responsible position to another until 1884, when he became a member of the firm. This relation was continued until 1889, when Mr. Herschler removed to Lincoln, Nebr., where for two years he was engaged in the clothing business. At the end of that time, E. M. Eisfeld, of Burlington, wishing to retire, Mr. Herschler purchased his interest in a clothing business here, and became the senior partner of the firm of Herschler & Eisfeld, successors of the Eisfeld Clothing Company, his partner being L. M. Eisfeld. They hold equal shares, and have conducted the business with mutual pleasure and profit since 1891. They also have a branch store at Litchfield, Ill., and in addition to the eight persons employed in the Burlington establishment, they have five employees in the other store, making fourteen persons in all, including the proprietors, who are active in the business.

Mr. Herschler was married, in 1885, to Miss Bertha Eisfeld, a daughter of E. M. Eisfeld, and a native of Burlington. They have one child, Irma, who is a graduate of the high school of this city. In his political affiliation Mr. Herschler is a Democrat,

but without ambition for office, although he is well informed on the issues which divide the two great parties. He has attained high rank in Masonry, and now belongs to Des Moines Lodge, No. 1, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a past master, and was one of the youngest worshipful masters of the State, holding that office when but twenty-five years of age. He also belongs to Iowa Chapter, No. 1, Royal Arch Masons; to Zerapath Consistory, in which he has attained to the thirty-second degree of the Scottish rite; and to Kaaba Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He is also connected with the Elks, and is a member of the Carthage Lake Fishing Club. He has social qualities which render him popular with a large circle of friends, and business qualifications which have gained him prominence in the commercial circles of Burlington.

WILLIAM P. FOSTER.

WILLIAM P. FOSTER, who is the oldest active bank officer in Burlington, having been connected with the First National Bank for over thirty-four years, is a son of Lionel and Caroline (Sampson) Foster, and was born in Galt, Ontario, Aug. 9, 1850. His father, who began life as a farmer, was born near Woodstock, Vt., in 1813, and his mother, Caroline Sampson Foster, was born at Kingston, Canada, in 1813. In 1856 they moved from Canada to a farm near Des Moines, Iowa, when five years later they moved to the city of Des Moines. While residing in Canada and Des Moines, Lionel Foster was engaged in the shoe and leather business. In 1867 he moved to Burlington, Iowa, where he engaged in life insurance

till his death. He enlisted in 1864, in Company H, Forty-seventh Iowa Volunteers, and served until the regiment was mustered out. Mr. Foster was a Republican, but did not aspire to office. He and his worthy wife were devoted members of the Presbyterian church, Mr. Foster being very active in his early life in the church in Canada. He died Feb. 6, 1879, while his wife survived him some six years, her death occurring Dec. 4, 1885. They are both buried in Aspen Grove cemetery.

Besides our subject, Mr. and Mrs. Foster left one son, I. G. Foster, secretary of the Burlington Lumber Company, and two daughters, Mary Foster and C. Emma Foster, the latter being supervisor of writing and drawing in the public schools in Burlington.

William P. Foster received his education in the public schools in Des Moines, and soon after coming to Burlington learned the trade of a printer, working on the *Gazette and Argus* and *Hawk-Eye* till 1871. It was also in the year of 1871 that Mr. Foster was first engaged by the First National Bank as messenger and bookkeeper, which position he held till July, 1876, when he was elected assistant cashier of the bank, and in January, 1877, his ability and efficiency secured for him the cashiership of the bank. In 1898 he was elected vice-president and cashier. This First National Bank is one of the oldest in the State, its charter number being 351, and the business was established April 24, 1864. June 5, 1900, Mr. Foster was married to Miss Elizabeth Julia Robertson, daughter of George Robertson, of Burlington, whose sketch appears on another page in this volume.

By this happy union one son, William P. Foster, Jr., has been born, his birth having

occurred April 3, 1902. Mr. Foster is a Republican. In 1903 Mr. Foster erected the home at 403 Court Street, where he now resides. Mr. Foster began life empty handed and with a very limited education, but by industry and persistent efforts, coupled with high moral principles, has secured his positions of trust and honor, till to-day he stands as one of the leading and prosperous citizens and business men of the city, where he well deserves the esteem and confidence reposed in him.

ALBERT WILLIAM RINKER.

ALBERT W. RINKER, one of the younger business men of this city, was born in Burlington township, Des Moines county, Oct. 21, 1876. He was the son of John and Margaret (Pfeiffer) Rinker, and spent his early days at the home of his father, receiving his education in the public schools of the city of Burlington, and also the German Catholic Parochial School. His first business experience was as an employee of the Burlington Wheel Works, where he was employed about eighteen months, after which he apprenticed himself to McConnell Brothers, in their large harness and saddlery establishment, remaining with them until he had served his full time. His next employment was with Mr. Baumberger, with whom he remained for one year, and was then for a time in Rock Island. He however returned to Burlington, and in the fall of 1897 engaged in business for himself, putting in a stock of harness, and doing custom work, and also repairing at his store, 1700 Osborn Street. For five months, from March, 1898, he was with Mr. Nees, when he again returned to take a position with

McConnell Brothers, with whom he remained six years, this long term of service for one firm showing their appreciation of his services. Feb. 1, 1904, he again embarked in business for himself, locating at 512 North Central Avenue, where he opened a good harness and saddlery store, carrying a full line of all commodities usually found in such an establishment.

Nov. 12, 1902, Mr. Rinker was united in marriage to Miss Mary Eversman, a daughter of Henry and Anna (Koestner) Eversman. To this union have been born two children: Ralph Henry, who was born Sept. 25, 1903; and Anna Alice, whose birth occurred June 7, 1904.

Politically, Mr. Rinker has never taken an active part, voting independently for the men and measures that he deemed best fitted for the position.

and served for two years. He also served several terms as chairman of the board of supervisors. In 1882 he was elected alderman at large, which position he held at the time of his death, which occurred Sept. 6, 1884.

Nov. 25, 1850, Mr. Robertson married Miss Mary Belle Henry, daughter of Dr. John F. Henry, of Burlington, Iowa. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Robertson were born three children: Mary Belle; Elizabeth Julia, wife of William P. Foster, whose sketch appears on another page in this book, and Dr. George A. Robertson, of Louisville, Ky. Mrs. Robertson is buried beside her husband in Aspen Grove cemetery. They were Presbyterians, and were long faithful and devoted members of the First Presbyterian church in Burlington, Iowa. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Robertson was located on the corner of Fourth and Court Streets, where their daughter, Mrs. Foster, still lives.

GEORGE ROBERTSON.

GEORGE ROBERTSON, deceased, a much-respected and prominent citizen of Burlington, Iowa, for thirty years, was of English and Scotch ancestry, and was born in Jessamine county, Kentucky, May 9, 1829. His parents were Dr. William Beckwith and Margaret (Fletcher) Robertson. Mr. Robertson studied law at the Transylvania University in Lexington, Ky., where he was graduated in the spring of 1854.

In the fall of the same year Mr. Robertson moved to Burlington, Iowa, and began the practice of law, meeting with great success. He was a Democrat in politics, and ever ready to serve his party to the best of his ability. In 1872 he was elected mayor of Burlington on the Independent ticket,

THE McMULLIN WOELLHAF CO.

PRINTERS AND STATIONERS, who are in a high degree representative of the modern energy and enterprise which characterize business and industry in the latest phase of their development, are the gentlemen forming the above company, all of whom have been for several years residents of Burlington, and at the present time rapidly assuming a prominent position among the business men in their adopted city. Mr. McMullin was born in Huron township, Des Moines county, near Northfield, a pioneer village whose site has long since been deserted, the date being 1866, and he is a son of John McMullin, a full sketch of whose life

and ancestry is given elsewhere in the present volume.

In 1880, when he was only fourteen years of age, Mr. McMullin began his active career, entering at that time the employ of a large job printing concern in Burlington. Working at the business continuously to the present date, becoming thoroughly familiar with the business in every detail, he has won the confidence and respect of all with whom he came in contact. Somewhat more than two years ago, in February, 1903, he decided that the time was ripe for the inauguration of his independent career, and being ambitious for the achievement of a larger success than was possible in a subordinate position, he severed his connection with his employer at that time and established a small printing business with his own capital. This enterprise has expanded far beyond the original hopes of its founder, and is still growing at a rate of progress which is truly remarkable.

In March, 1905, the McMullin-Woellhaf Co. was organized, Mr. F. G. Woellhaf and Mr. Elmer Sikes taking an interest in the business.

Mr. F. G. Woellhaf was born Aug. 1, 1877, in Burlington, Des Moines county, where he spent his early life, and he began working at the printing business in 1892, and developed marked ability in the "Art Preservative of Arts," becoming thoroughly familiar with the business in every detail. He has an inclination for military work. During the Spanish-American War he enlisted in the Sixth Battery, Iowa Volunteers. In the organization of Company H, Fifty-fourth Infantry, 1. N. G., enlisting as a private, he successively held all non-commissioned offices, and in October, 1904, was elected first lieutenant, which po-

sition he is now holding with credit to himself. He was married to Miss Minnie May Schaefer Nov. 18, 1903.

Mr. Elmer Sikes was born in Aurora, Ill., in 1861, but has lived in Burlington since 1870, and was educated in the public schools of this city. When a young man he entered upon a business career as a bookkeeper, and for twenty years was associated with Mr. Phillip M. Crapo in the farm loan business, and secured his business training in that connection.

He has other business interests, and enjoys a wide acquaintance, both in his home city and adjoining States. He was married to Miss Agnes Bock in 1893.

In May, 1892, Mr. McMullin was married to Miss Antoinette Stiller, of Keokuk, Iowa.

As printers they are masters of their art, and are never satisfied with anything less than the last possible degree of excellence in the work produced by this establishment—a fact which is highly significant, and in no small measure accounts for their success. The office is located in the Hedge building, where ten workmen and assistants are constantly employed, the business consisting of printing of all kinds. Electric power is used, and the equipment is thoroughly and exclusively modern in every particular.

JACOB M. RISSEK.

JACOB M. RISSEK, a leading and influential citizen of Sawyer, Lee county, Iowa, and a descendant of one of the early pioneer families of the West, was born in West Point township, Lee county, Nov. 2, 1847, the son of Jacob and Amelia (Miller)

Risser. Jacob Risser, Sr., was born in Bavaria, Germany, Dec. 12, 1815, a son of Daniel Risser, who was born Aug. 25, 1794, and of Elizabeth (Smith) Risser, his wife, a daughter of Henry Smith, and the date of the marriage of his parents was May 26, 1811. When a boy of sixteen the father of our subject worked his passage to America on a sailing vessel, and located at Cleveland, Ohio, where he learned the trade of cabinet-making, and later established a cabinet-making shop of his own, a venture in which he was very successful. It was in that city on Dec. 8, 1842, that he married Amelia Miller, who was like himself a native of Bavaria, where she was born May 16, 1821. In May, 1845, Mr. Risser, together with his father-in-law and his wife's sister and husband, accompanied by their families, came to Lee county, settling in the southwest part of West Point township, where they moved into a log cabin; and it was in this house that Mr. Miller and his son-in-law, Henry Leisey, on May 10, 1845, became the victims of the celebrated "Mormon Murder," for which the perpetrators of the crime, who were members of the Hodges family, paid the penalty with their lives in July of the same year at Burlington, Iowa, where they were hanged.

Soon after coming to Iowa, Jacob Risser purchased a farm of eighty acres, which he cultivated for a time, and later he owned a saw-mill in the village of West Point, operating it with considerable profit until sometime in the '80's, when it was destroyed by fire. He achieved success in all he undertook, and was respected for the fact that he was what is called a self-made man, having accumulated a competency by his own efforts and entirely without aid of any kind.

He was a Democrat in matters of politics, and in his religious connection he was a member of the Mennonite church, together with his wife, continuing in that faith until his death, which occurred in 1896, followed by that of his wife in 1902, they both being buried in the West Point cemetery. To them were born the following sons and daughters: Daniel F., who resides in Pleasant Ridge township, this county; John, who is a resident of Kansas; Jacob M., our subject; Abraham, who died when young; Mary A.; and Anna, whose death occurred in childhood.

Jacob M. Risser, the subject of this review, received a good education in a select school at West Point, as well as being thoroughly trained in the work of the farm, and was employed as his father's assistant until the twenty-third year of his age, when he wedded Miss Elizabeth Schantz, who settled in that township in 1846. At the time of his marriage, Mr. Risser, in company with a brother, worked the land belonging to the family, Jacob Risser, Sr., of three hundred and forty acres, in partnership for six years, after which he bought a farm in Pleasant Ridge township of eighty acres, where he resided until 1891, when he again disposed of his land, and purchased one hundred and twenty acres in the north-western part of Washington township. At the latter place he resided for twelve years, or until 1903, in the spring of which year he removed to the village of Sawyer, there entering into a partnership with G. W. Van Hyning to conduct a mercantile business, the style of the firm being Van Hyning & Risser, but the connection has since been dissolved, Mr. Risser retiring in 1904.

Mr. Risser is widely known in Lee county as a progressive and enterprising farmer

who has achieved large and lasting success in his work by virtue of business qualifications of an unusual order, and his political activities have also brought him a large circle of friends and acquaintances, as he is a prominent member and worker in the Democratic party, and has received public honors at the hands of the people, having been twice elected to the important office of county supervisor, and added much to his popularity. He has also taken an active and helpful interest in promoting the progress of religion and morals in his community, he and Mrs. Risser being consistent followers of the Mennonite faith, and rendering much assistance in the labors of their denomination in this section. They are the parents of a family of two sons and one daughter, to whom they have given the ad-

vantages of modern education and excellent home training, and who occupy an honored place in the society in which they move. These are: Jona G., a resident of Montrose township, this county, who married Miss Ella Claypoole, and has one son, Clay; and Elma E., and Irving P., who are members of the parental household.

Mr. Risser, in November, 1904, purchased a home in Danville, Iowa, where he is now residing. Irving P., in partnership with Charles Burton, purchased the general mercantile business of L. R. Kelly & Co., of Danville, in October of 1904, and are now doing business under the firm name of Burton & Risser, Miss Elma E. Risser acting as their chief clerk.

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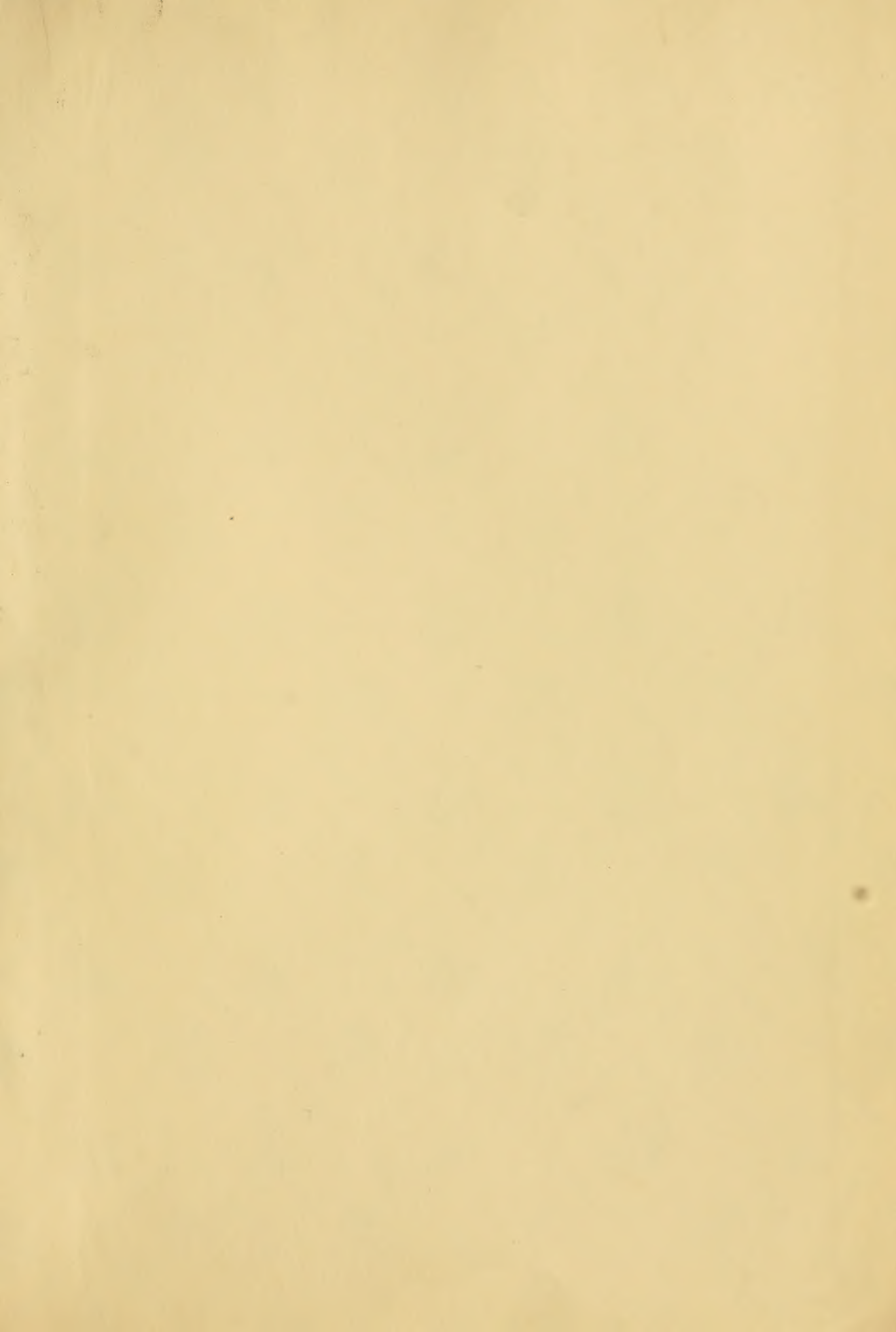
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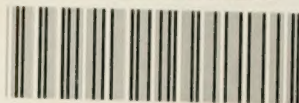
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